

## Halley Flyby Mission

mission to Halley should be designed to maximize the use of the objectives of the comet exploration mission set down by the NASA Comet Science Working Group and the Space Science Board (Report of the Comet Science Working Group, NASA TM 80543, 1979; Strategy for Exploration of Primitive Solar System Bodies—Asteroids, Comets, and Meteoroids: 1980-1990, Committee on Asteroids and Meteoroids, Space Science Board, Washington, DC, 1980). In order of priority, these objectives

- determine the chemical nature and physical structure of the nucleus and to characterize the changes that occur as a function of time and orbital position;
- characterize the chemical and physical nature of the atmosphere and ionosphere of comets, as well as the processes that occur in them, and to characterize the development of the atmosphere and ionosphere as functions of orbital position; and
- determine the nature of comet tails and of the processes by which they are formed and to characterize the interaction of comets with the solar wind.

In the particular context of a Halley mission, these can be summarized as follows:

- determine the appearance of the nucleus of Comet Halley (a) size and shape, (b) structure, (c) heterogeneity, (d) chemical composition and physical properties, and (e) nonvolatile material emitted by the nucleus;
- characterize the processes that occur in bright, active regions of the nucleus, including (a) chemical, (b) plasma processes in the atmosphere and ionosphere, (c) dynamics of dust and ice grains, (d) interaction of the solar wind and the coma; and (e) structure and dynamics of the tails.

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**Cover.** This image of the terrain of the conterminous United States was composed by an Opticonics system from about 550,000 coverage elevation points provided by the U.S. Department of Defense. A contour interval of 121 m was used between 15- and 500-m elevation, and one of 519 m above that elevation. The outline of the conterminous United States is not precise because the contours begin at an altitude of 15 m.

Well-known geologic features like the Mississippi Embayment, the Snake River Plain, the Basin and Range, and various mountain ranges are readily recognizable. Of perhaps greater interest are features and characteristics not previously recognized or reported in the literature. For example, an arcuate zone that includes Lakes Ontario and Erie extends from the St. Lawrence Valley to the west border of Michigan. It corresponds approximately to part of a predicted zone of brittle deformation caused by the Pleistocene ice load. The highlands of the western United States exhibit a blocklike outline to the north and east, being delimited by a boundary extending from south central Texas to northeast Iowa and thence west to the Olympic Peninsula of Washington. The east boundary is the dividing line between typical eastern and western topographic expression; it is also the approximate location of seismicity associated with the Nemaha Uplift. The central and southern Appalachians show a surprisingly angular outline, particularly in contrast to the Appalachian features of the northeast. Much of the complex structure of the west coast of the United States is clearly depicted. Analyses of terrain data of the eastern United States suggest a correlation between regions of seismicity and certain of these features.

The scale of the map that is shown is approximately 1:30,000,000. Terrain maps compiled at scales as large as 1:1,000,000 show many smaller features, usually extensive linear trends or areas of terrain of distinctive morphology. These features are thought to be surface expressions of underlying geologic structures. The digital terrain data are a new and virtually unexploited information source and should be useful in a wide variety of earth science investigations. (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Department of Defense.)

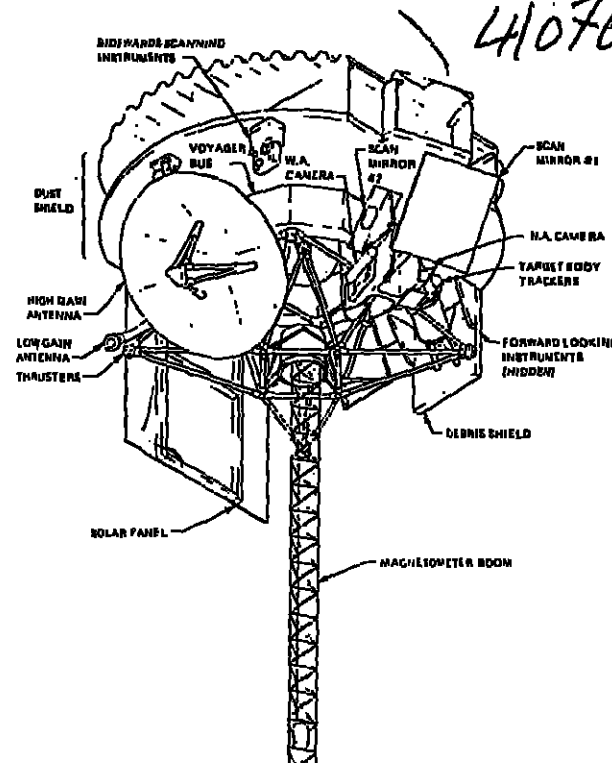


Fig. 1. The Halley Interceptor Mission spacecraft.

These aims lead to a number of practical requirements on any mission to Halley:

- (1) Accurate targeting of the spacecraft to a preselected point within the zone of parent molecules next to the nucleus.
- (2) Good imaging of the nucleus.

(3) An 'observatory phase' during which imaging of the tail and coma at progressively increasing spatial resolutions will be obtained.

- (4) Sufficiently long observation time for in situ measurements to cover the full 10<sup>7</sup>-km scale of phenomena at Halley.

The Halley Interceptor Mission is based on a three-axis-stabilized spacecraft. This allows significantly better imaging than can be achieved with most spinning spacecraft. A framing camera on a fixed-attitude spacecraft is the best means of achieving an observatory phase during which sequences of pictures are taken of the comet's tails and extended coma. Furthermore, with a framing camera, onboard optical navigation can deliver the spacecraft to the selected point in the target plane with an accuracy of  $\pm 90$  km (1  $\sigma$ ); the most optimistic estimate of delivery accuracy without onboard navigation is  $\pm 500$  km (1  $\sigma$ ). With optical navigation, it is thus possible to make sure the spacecraft passes through the zone of parent molecules which extends  $\sim 10^3$  km from the nucleus, on the sunlit side, at a great enough distance to avoid smear in the highest resolution pictures.

The Halley Interceptor spacecraft (see figure) has a total mass of  $\sim 1800$  kg, of which 300-400 kg will be allotted to the dust shield and  $\sim 125$  kg to the science payload. A possible science payload is summarized in the table.

Halley goes through perihelion (0.6 AU) on February 9, 1986. A major advantage of the Halley Interceptor Mission is that it can intercept the comet either before or after perihelion. —PMB

## Earth Radiation Budget Satellite

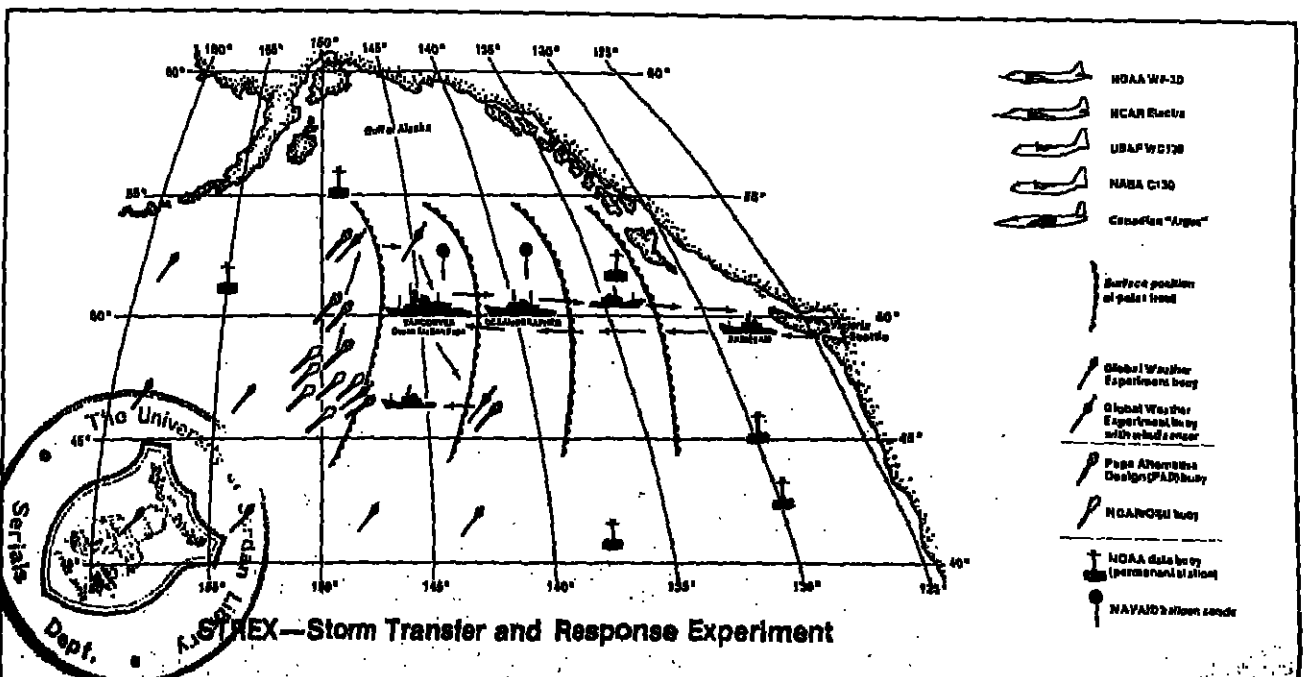
A satellite to measure the earth's radiation budget is to be integrated, tested, and delivered ready for launch on the space shuttle by April 1984. Although there have been Earth radiation budget instruments in NASA's experimental Nimbus 6 and 7 spacecraft, this will be the first time this factor can be measured on a global basis over a 24-hour day. The earth absorbs more solar energy in some regions and emits more thermal energy in others. This heating differential sets wind and ocean currents in motion to transfer heat from heated to cooled areas. Hence, the earth's radiation budget, as a driving force for weather, is one of the factors on which comprehensive data are needed for better weather and climate predictions.

The satellite, with its Earth Radiation Budget Experiment instruments, will become part of a three-spacecraft system, with NOAA-F and -G, to use scanning and non-scanning radiometers to measure the amount of solar radiation received and given up by different regions of the earth. The satellite will include systems for power, command and data handling, attitude control (three-axis stabilized), orbit adjust, as well as a thermal control. The spacecraft will communicate via the Tracking Data and Relay Satellite System. After launch by the space shuttle, the satellite will boost itself into a 600-km (373-mile) circular orbit, inclined 46° to the equator.

The Ball Aerospace Systems Division of Ball Corp., Boulder, Colorado, will provide the Earth Radiation Budget Satellite as well as its mission operations support. The contractor's proposed estimate of this cost-plus-award fee contract is approximately \$21 million. —PMB

## Status of Voyager Spacecraft: Update

	Voyager 1	Voyager 2
Spacecraft distance from Earth, km	1,449,237,000	1,194,436,000
Spacecraft distance to Saturn, km		221,532,000
Spacecraft distance traveled since launch, km	2,284,300,000	1,964,094,000
Spacecraft velocity relative to Earth, km/s	28.6	20.5
Spacecraft velocity relative to sun, km/s	21.5	18.4



## STREX: Winter Storm Study in Gulf of Alaska

U.S. and Canadian investigators are probing the initial stages of the large storms that dominate North American winter weather. In a study called STREX (Storm Transfer and Response Experiment), researchers aboard ships and aircraft are examining how energy and water vapor feed from ocean to atmosphere. This action fuels the large storms that rage across the Gulf of Alaska. The low-pressure systems drift ashore in western Canada and the Pacific Northwest, break up over the Rockies, and then reform into major systems that control winter weather from Canada to Texas.

It is believed that new insights into such disturbances will improve weather predictions and lead to a better understanding of the North American climate. The experiment is managed by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Canadian Meteorological Service. A STREX project office in Seattle will be used to coordinate the 6-week study. (Other STREX participants include the National Science Foundation, National Center for Atmospheric Research, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, U.S. Air Force, Office of Naval Research, U.S. and Canadian Coast Guards, Canada's Institute for Ocean Sciences, and Oregon State University.)

During the experiment, research ships, aided by buoys deployed in the path of the storm, will take measurements from below the sea surface to thousands of feet in the air. Also, research airplanes will probe the advancing storm fronts. As many as 10 storms should cross the Gulf of Alaska during the experiment, which ends in mid-December. STREX goals include improved weather forecasts and

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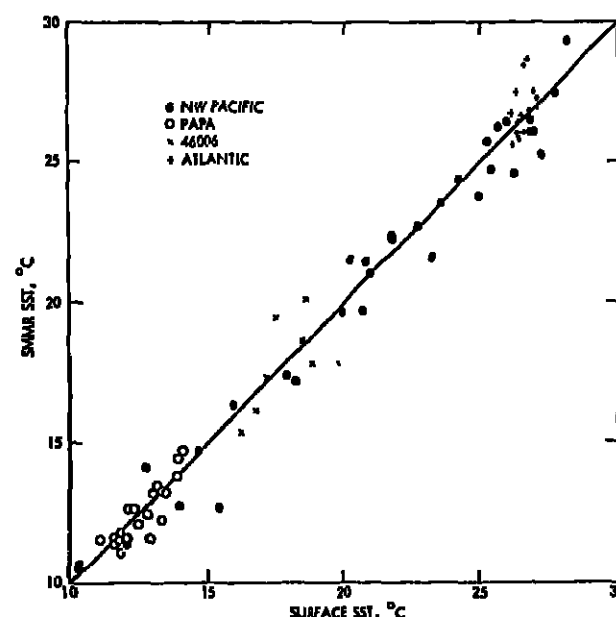
### Sea Surface Temperature Measurements from SEASAT

In its short lifetime, the SEASAT Scanning Multichannel Microwave Radiometer (SMMR) observed the world's oceans for almost 100 days in the summer of 1978. This was done in order to determine sea surface temperature (SST), wind speed at the ocean's surface, rain rate, and the integrated column density of water vapor and liquid water in the atmosphere. These parameters are deduced from measurements of both horizontal and vertical polarizations of radiation at five microwave frequencies from 6.8 to 37 GHz.

SEASAT was a 'proof of concept' satellite to determine how accurately microwave sensors could measure important parameters of the oceans. The SST measurements examined so far are encouraging. They have been compared to nearly 100 high-quality surface observations under a variety of conditions and have been found to possess a negligible bias and to be accurate to within 1° over a wide range of values (10°–30°C).

The comparisons have been made in four major geographical areas: the northwest Pacific, the Gulf of Alaska, the tropical western Pacific, and the western Atlantic near Bermuda. The results are shown in the figure. The scatter about the perfect agreement line is 0.8°C, and an error analysis shows that most of the scatter is due to thermal noise in the measurements and not to errors in geophysical modeling.

There are several limitations that must presently be accepted in order to achieve better than 1° accuracy. The most serious one is that measurements must be restricted to the open ocean—large land masses within 600 km bias the SST retrievals. Also, radio frequency interference, sunglint, and heavy rain sometimes degrade the measurements. Fortunately, these restrictions only affect a small percentage of the entire data set. Furthermore, it may be possible to improve the algorithms so that they obtain accurate SST retrievals in



spite of these restrictions. In any case, it is becoming increasingly clear that not only has SEASAT fulfilled its goal of validating the accuracy of microwave remote sensing but also that the SEASAT data set itself should prove to be a valuable resource for geophysical investigations.

Further comparisons to accurate surface observations are desired, especially in areas of the world not yet examined. Anyone with access to accurate SST observations made at least 300 km from large land masses during July–October 1978 are encouraged to communicate with Thomas J. Chester, JPL 238-420, Pasadena, California 91109.

Dr. Chester of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory is the contributor of this news item. ☐

### Radon: Clue to Earthquake Magnitude

Radon's flow within the earth's crust could offer seismologists clues about the magnitude of an impending earthquake, according to a model proposed by Robert L. Fiescher, General Electric Company physicist, at the AGU Fall Meeting last month. His work suggests that an extensive network of radon monitoring stations would be useful for early warning of potential damage areas of the pending tremors.

Small amounts of radon, a gas released by the decay of uranium, tends to move slowly within the earth's crust. Rocks are relatively porous. Velocities of a few inches are typical. Shifting stresses in the earth's crust that an earthquake can speed up or slow down radon's movements.

Earthquakes registering low on the Richter scale stresses on the earth's crust only strong enough to affect radon flow in rocks, says Fiescher. These small-scale impact radon's flow over relatively short distances. Stronger quakes have a greater impact on distances.

For example, Fiescher's calculations show that a rating 5 on the Richter scale should not influence radon flow more than 98 km away. A major earthquake, such as the 1979 Alaskan quake, measuring 7.7, could affect radon out to 3860 km.

The model proposed by Fiescher is based on a model and on the assumption that crustal stresses increase with earthquake magnitude. He reports good correlation between the model and recorded fluctuations of radon in previous earthquakes. A similar model used by Sovietists shows similar correlations with other data.—BTL

er a nicely balanced account of how one goes about measuring and interpreting physical oceanographic data.

Chapter 7, 'Circulation and Water Masses of the Oceans' (85 pages), although briefer than its companion chapter in Sverdrup, Johnson, and Fleming's *The Oceans*, is of course considerably more up to date. Pickard has achieved a measure of brevity by intentionally neglecting peripheral regions and by emphasizing modern research in the principal ocean basins. Although there is a wealth of reasonably accurate detail in this chapter, the interested reader will find it difficult to obtain more information because the sources are not cited.

The final two chapters and the appendix briefly outline coastal and estuarine oceanography, suggest future work, and discuss physical oceanographic units (20 pages total). An annotated list of suggested readings completes the text.

The revisions are in the same 'cut and paste' style used in the previous edition. This may reduce errors, but does not eliminate them. At least two errors were introduced with the change to SI units, and several other errors either persist from past editions or are introduced here. All errors are minor and should cause little confusion.

This text represents a comprehensive subject covered by few pages; hence certain topics are slighted. I missed the development of a historical perspective (only very briefly outlined) and the use of appropriate mathematics. While the nonmathematical approach will perhaps avoid frightening the nonphysicists, and while most of the essential mathematics is covered at an appropriate level in the companion volume (*Pond and Pickard's Introductory Dynamic Oceanography*), the book would have benefited from a discussion of the quasi-mathematical aspects of the distribution of variables.

Also, there has been no increase in the third edition in the use of figures to illustrate the text. Most sections would great-

ly benefit from an increased use of graphics. My strongest criticism is that the oceanographic literature is not properly cited. Thus the student who wishes to learn more about specific subjects cannot use this book as a starting point. Proper literature citations would add little length to the text, would not be confusing, and would greatly increase the usefulness and value of the text. I would cite Perry and Walker's *The Ocean-Atmosphere System* as an example of a related text which presents a better historical perspective, contains appropriate mathematical development, uses ample graphics, and provides proper literature citations, yet achieves this without becoming inaccessible to the nonmajor.

The third edition does, however, continue the evolution of Pickard's text into a much-needed niche in the oceanographic literature. The book does not accomplish everything one might hope, and in particular is weak on its own for introductory courses for physical oceanography majors, but I feel it is very nearly the best that can be done within so few pages.

The value of this book is that it provides in one brief, well-written volume the rudiments of physical oceanographic aspects of water mass analysis, along with the inferences such analysis provides of the characteristics and circulation of the oceans. This is an important subject not well discussed in most other texts in recent years. I would recommend this book to any person wishing a straightforward introduction to the subject. Graduate students from all oceanographic disciplines may well find it to be essential reading prior to general examinations.

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The assignment would be with the Technical Analysis and Research Division of the Region V Office in Denver, Colorado or with one of the Western State regulatory offices. Principal activities would include technical and environmental reviews of detailed proposals to mine coal and reclaim disturbed lands and provide technical assistance to coal mine operators and regulatory agency personnel.

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4. Geological Engineering—emphasis on exploration geophysics (such as shallow seismicity, resistivity, well log interpretation), soil and rock mechanics, and blasting (for mining).

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These assignments are intended to provide the participants with experience and understanding of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and related federal and state statutes and regulations in order to improve the effectiveness upon return to his regular assignment.

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**Research Associate Position.** The Geophysics Program at the University of Washington seeks applicants for a research associate position in space physics, beginning June 1981. The position is supported by research contracts and grants. The applicant should have a Ph.D. and be experienced in X-ray and charged particle detector techniques as applied to space and auroral research. In addition to having good background in space plasma phenomena, interested persons should send their resumes to George K. Parks, Geophysics Program AK-50, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

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**Institute of Space and Atmospheric Studies/University of Saskatchewan.** Applications are invited for postdoctoral research positions in auroral physics and atmospheric dynamics. Term is one year renewable. Experimental ability or experience with optical or radio techniques is desirable. Work may involve rocket, balloon or observatory measurements and their interpretation. Send resume, references and research interests to: D. J. McEwen, Institute of Space and Atmospheric Studies, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada S7N 0W0.

**Yale University, Department of Geology and Geophysics.** Applications are solicited for a faculty position in petrology or mineralogy to begin in the academic year 1981-1982. Areas of special interest to the department include theoretical and experimental mineralogy, petrology, and field studies. Yale University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages women and members of minority groups to complete for this position. Curriculum vitae, publications, and the names of three or more referees should be sent by January 31, 1981, to Robert B. Gordon, Chairman, Department of Geology and Geophysics, P.O. Box 8666, New Haven, CT 06511.

**Associate Director/Marine Science Institute.** The University of Texas at Austin seeks to fill the open position of associate director of the Marine Science Institute. The associate director is responsible for research and intellectual leadership of the Institute's Galveston Geophysics Laboratory. The position carries the line responsibility of senior administrator for the Galveston Geophysics Laboratory. Duties include research planning and management, fiscal monitoring and budgeting, personnel review and assignment, coordination of scientific programs and shop operations, administrative supervision, liaison with industrial and agency sponsors, representation and other directorial duties.

The Galveston Geophysics Laboratory maintains modern computing facilities, research laboratories and two deep-ocean research vessels, the R/V Fred Moore and the R/V Lee Green. Research at Galveston includes programs in marine geophysics, marine geology, solid earth geophysics, earthquake and extraterrestrial seismology, and instrument systems design, both basic and applied.

Applicants are asked to send the following:

- (1) Vita—including list of publications.
- (2) Brief statement on current research and support.
- (3) Brief statement on administrative experience.
- (4) Brief statement on teaching experience.
- (5) Names of six persons who may be contacted for personal and professional recommendations.

A letter of application and the above requested information should be sent to:

Dr. J. Robert Moore, Director,  
Marine Science Institute,  
University of Texas,  
P.O. Box 7999, University Station,  
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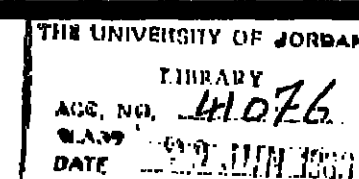
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Interested candidates should submit a letter of intent, a curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation to AGU. For further details, write Member Programs Division, Congressional Fellowship Program, American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

Deadline: March 31, 1981.



## New Publications

### Modeling and Control of River Quality

S. Rinaldi, R. Soncini-Sessa, H. Stehfest, and H. Tamura, *McGraw-Hill Ser. in Water Resour. and Environ. Eng.*, McGraw-Hill, New York, xiv + 380 pp., 1979, \$49.50.

Reviewed by Kenneth J. Lanear

This book is a major work in the field of mathematical water quality modeling, providing an in-depth treatment of modeling and control techniques.

Chapter 1 is a meticulous and comprehensive discussion of modeling theory and terminology. Equations are expressed in a matrix notation which is employed consistently throughout the book and proves to be a powerful vehicle for presenting complicated models in an understandable manner. Chapters 2 and 3 examine water pollution processes and quality indicators and the different components of water quality models. Emphasis is on the forms of the various equations, rather than on the specific parameter values. Chapter 4 ties the earlier chapters together by looking at the construction of self-purification models, particularly the Streeter-Phelps model and its variations. Also interesting is a section on ecological models, using Michaelis-Menton relationships.

The strength of the book is clearly in its presentation of modeling theory. By using its concise matrix notation, it provides excellent explanations of how such effects as photosynthesis and distributed BOD loadings are incorporated into model equations. Some weaknesses on the practical side are evident. For example, in discussing ways to estimate the re-aeration coefficient, only river depth and velocity are considered, ignoring recent formulations based upon energy dissipation.

Chapter 5, 'State and Parameter Estimation,' presents a major aspect of the book's modeling philosophy: Establish the modeling equations, then determine the parameters of these equations on the basis of observations of the system output. This is a sound technique, provided that past observations are appropriate for predicting future system performance. It also explains why the book devotes relatively little space to more conventional methods of estimating parameter values. The modeling philosophy will not apply, however, where such actions as stream channelization or drastic alterations of waste loadings cause the hydraulic or biological parameters to change.

One example in chapter 5 of a Streeter-Phelps model of the Bormida River is illustrative of the book's strength in modeling theory and weakness in practical application. In a demonstration of skillfully applied mathematics, the model equations were manipulated until a one-dimensional searching algorithm could be applied to estimate the parameters. However, no correction was made for the dissolved oxygen becoming zero (and changing the deoxygenation coefficient) in some of the calibration data sets. The resulting predictions of minimum dissolved oxygen are unimpressive, considering the abundance of calibration data. Chapter 6 presents even more advanced techniques, such as Kalman filters, suboptimal recursive filters, and recursive filters in time and space, but some of these are tested against synthetic model data, not field data.

The final five chapters cover such topics as control theory, linear and nonlinear programming, unsteady state control, water pollution control facilities, river basin management, and multiojective programming. In each of these, the approach is to formulate the problems and to discuss briefly the available solution techniques. In this way, an extensive amount of

useful material on theory is covered without excessive emphasis on details.

This book is definitely not for the casual reader. Understanding it takes time, concentration, and a reasonably solid background in mathematics. I would highly recommend it, however, to students of advanced water quality modeling and to practitioners facing difficult modeling situations that require advanced techniques.

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### Geology for Civil Engineers

A. C. McLean and C. D. Gribble, Allen and Unwin, Winchester, Mass., xviii + 310 pp., 1979, \$25.00.

Reviewed by Ivan C. James II

A course in engineering geology was not offered the semester that I wanted to take it so I took the introductory geology course. I have always suspected that I had missed assimilating those magical formulas of rock mechanics, tunneling, and dewatering that the aspiring civil engineer dreams of using to speed his project through difficult terrain. McLean and Gribble have taken an alternative approach. Their book is not engineering geology nor is it just introductory geology, but they lay claim to geology for civil engineers as suggested by their choice of title. My impression is that they have written four chapters of geology followed by four chapters of engineering geology.

This is a distinctly British book with emphasis on glacial morphology, the use of terminology which may be unfamiliar to North American practitioners (e.g., greenfield sites, dumb wells, finite reserves, etc.), and the application to predominantly British field examples. References to the British Code of Practice and citations of information sources are also much more suited to the British student or practicing engineer.

On the whole, this book is readable, well presented, and appropriate for an introductory semester or quarter course in the subject. A strength of the book is the introduction of terminology in boldface type with the definition in context. This, coupled with a good index, should aid the practicing engineer faced with terms unfamiliar to his normal vocabulary. A lack of balance exists between some chapters as exemplified by the attention given to formulas in applied geophysics, McLean's specialty, and the lack of virtually any discussion of computational or analytical methods in the chapter on subsurface water. Although one example is the inattention to the units appropriate for the formula for subsidence found on page 189, mistakes appear to be few.

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**Descriptive Physical Oceanography**  
G. L. Pickard, Pergamon, New York, ix + 233 pp., 1979, \$9.95.

Reviewed by James H. Swift

This new edition of G. L. Pickard's enjoyable text, published only 4 years after its predecessor, shows continued improvement over the original edition. Not only are most topics brought up to date but also the book is slightly more com-

prehensive, and thus it is more nearly representative of deep-sea synoptic physical oceanography. The 3rd (SI) Edition is somewhat misleading, since few revisions are related to the minor matter of conversic units.

The overall organization of the text remains the same, though the page count has grown slightly. The first two chapters introduce the author's approach to his subject, or the general nature of the ocean basins, define the physical properties of seawater, and describe their typical distributions (47 pages total). The heart of the book, covering three-fourths of its pages, is found within the next chapters.

Chapter 5, 'Water, Salt and Heat Budgets of the Oceans,' is a fine introduction to the definitions of the terms in the most common mass and heat budget equations. The regional variations in the individual component are not illustrated. This is unfortunate because such figures would make this a first-rate chapter. The budgets themselves (i.e., the combination of the various terms) are only briefly mentioned, and then in global form only.

Chapter 6, 'Instruments and Methods' (43 pages), is a gem. The instrumentation most common to physical oceanographic field work is nicely covered, and there is some discussion of the relative merits of the various techniques. Moreover, this has been combined with an effort to demonstrate how the interests of physical oceanographers have motivated the most common interpretative methods. The chapter is in no way a field manual, but it does give the reader

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that predict some agreed measure of nuisance or hazard associated with a given waste disposal or similar operation. The development of such models is a task of engineering science, which is outside the scope of the present article. These models, however, require quantitative inputs from various sciences, including the physical oceanography of the coastal ocean. In particular, a solid body of knowledge of circulation and mixing processes which is widely accepted by the scientific community is required. Otherwise, extravagant claims cannot be easily refuted, and reason becomes overshadowed by doomsday philosophy. On a rational level, the knowledge of coastal ocean physics is a prerequisite for a comparison of the consequences of oceanic disposal with the consequences of alternative disposal strategies.

### Wind-Driven Transient Currents

The prime driving force of circulation in the coastal ocean is the wind. This is not always obvious in tidal waters, but people living along the shores of the Great Lakes, for example, where tides are practically nonexistent, are well aware that wind action on coastal waters rapidly generates flow predominantly parallel to the coast. The coast prevents perpendicular movement, but longshore motion is unhindered and the longshore component of the wind is particularly effective in generating longshore currents and correspondingly long particle displacements.

One of the fruits of recent field studies and associated theoretical work has been an understanding of the structure and dynamics of such wind-driven nearshore currents. Earlier ideas came mainly from pioneering theoretical studies, such as those of Ekman [1905], which were based on various idealizations and usually applied only to steady state frictional equilibrium flow. However, winds at mid-latitudes are variable, rarely remaining constant for more than a day. Under these circumstances the transient properties of coastal currents are of greater practical importance than their asymptotic steady state for constant wind. These transient properties depend more on inertial forces than on frictional ones, a fact which makes the Ekman-type models of limited use.

Inertial effects may be simply understood with aid of simple models in which bottom friction is supposed absent and a longshore wind stress is suddenly imposed at the surface. Any persistent longshore motion that arises must somehow adjust to geostrophic equilibrium, i.e., the Coriolis force associated with longshore motion must eventually be balanced by an appropriate pressure field. Rossby [1938] first discussed such problems of 'geostrophic adjustment,' and Charney [1955] extended Rossby's work to coastal current generation in a two-layer ocean of constant depth. In Charney's quasi-geostrophic model, the accelerating longshore current is postulated to adjust continually to geostrophic equilibrium. In reality, this may be expected to be true for periods of order  $f^{-1}$  and longer ( $f$  = Coriolis parameter). More complete calculations for simple closed basin or coastal zone models confirm that the response of a modest size sea ( $f$  = constant) to sudden wind stress can be regarded as a superposition of a quasigeostrophic (developing) coastal current and various long waves.

The dynamical principles involved in quasigeostrophic longshore current generation that are elucidated by these theoretical studies are illustrated in Figures 2 and 3. The surface level perturbation and the longshore velocity increase hand-in-hand, maintaining geostrophic balance. In the longshore direction, the wind-stress impulse equals the depth-integrated momentum of the water column, as long as bottom friction is negligible.

The simple momentum balance in the longshore direction between the applied force and the increase of momentum in the water column can hold in the coastal zone because the depth-integrated Coriolis force associated with cross-shore flow vanishes. This is a direct consequence of the 'coastal constraint,' i.e., the condition that no water is transported in a direction perpendicular to the coast. The coastal constraint applies strictly at the coast, and to a high degree of approximation within some distance from the coast. The length of that distance is an important quantitative datum of each coastal ocean, characterizing its dynamical response and depending to a large extent on the depth distribution as a function of distance from shore. Generally, the coastal constraint holds a longer distance from shore over a flat shelf than over a steep shelf, but a number of other factors enter this question. In any event, the coastal constraint is often found to apply in water of order 100 m in depth.

In such relatively deep water, the force of the wind directly affects only a thin layer at the surface, the rest of the water column responds indirectly, through pressure forces generated by the displacement of water masses. Within the surface shear layer subject to direct wind action, turbulence governs the distribution of wind-imparted momentum, while the Coriolis force acts as an important modifier of the flow. A 'tur-

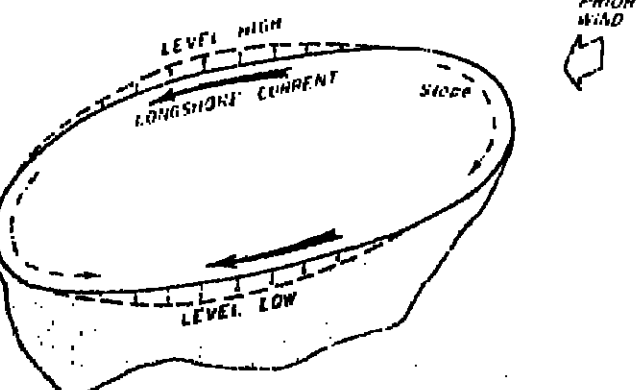


Fig. 3. System of coastal currents generated in a basin of simple shape by uniform wind. Geostrophic balance requires a rise of sea level along one coast parallel to the wind, a fall along the opposite coast.

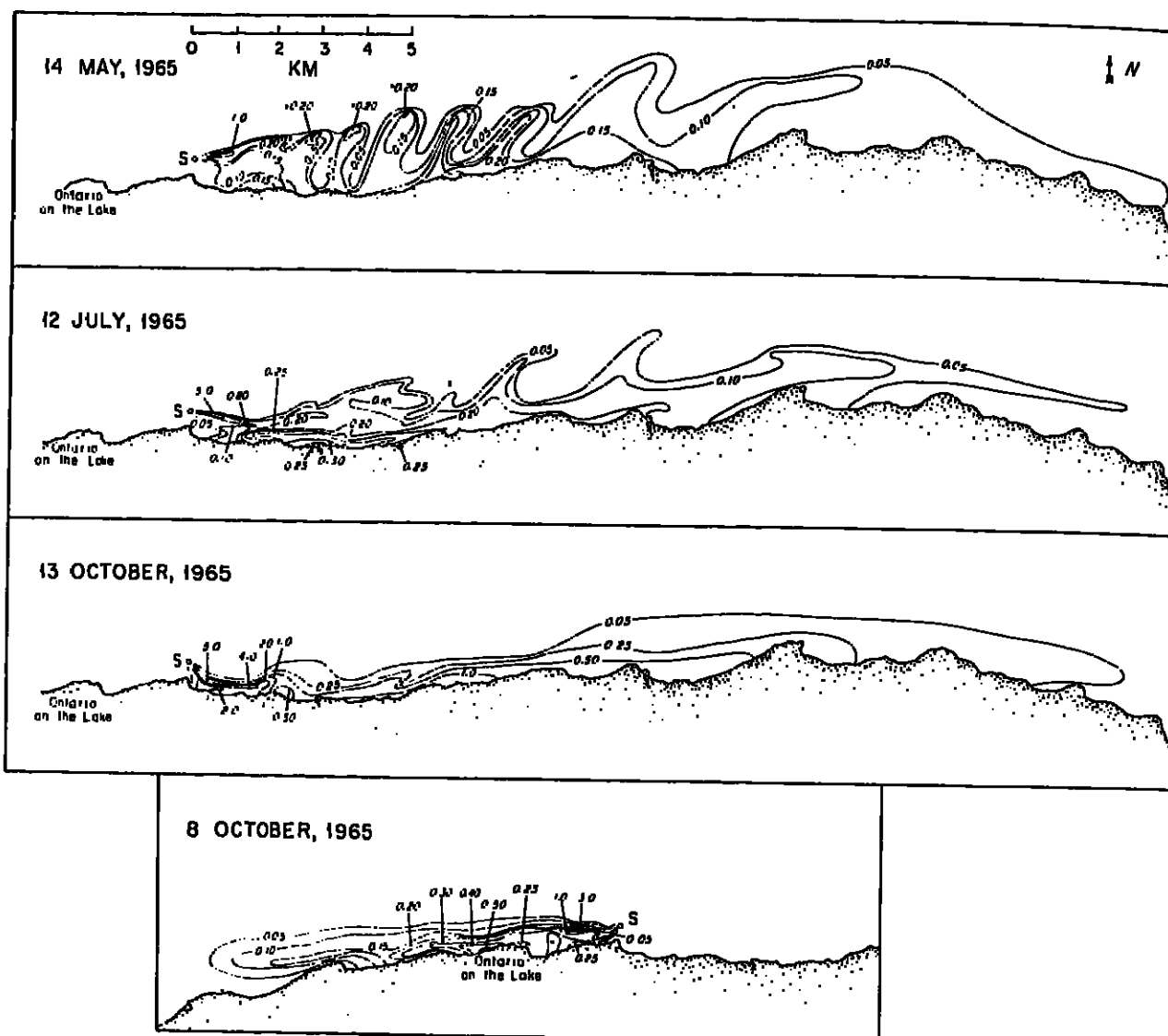


Fig. 4. Outlines of a plume generated by the continuous release of tracer dye from a nearshore source in Lake Ontario. Contours are lines of constant concentration in parts per billion (Pritchard-Carpenter, unpublished report, 1985; available from the authors, 208 Macalline Road, Ellicott City, Md.). When the coastal current reverses direction, previously developed dye plume disappears through efficient mixing with offshore waters.

bulent Ekman layer' develops, the depth of which depends only on wind stress and Coriolis parameter. At mid-latitudes, the typical Ekman layer depth is of the order of 10 m.

Within the Ekman layer, a longshore wind stress causes transport to the right of the wind. To satisfy the coastal constraint, a compensating return transport occurs, evenly distributed over the water column. Where the longshore pressure gradient vanishes, this return flow gives rise to an unbalanced Coriolis force, which accelerates the water alongshore. Similar cross-stream displacements are deduced in other geostrophic adjustment problems, and the phenomenon will be referred to as 'adjustment drift.'

Sea level gradients are generally not negligible in the longshore balance of forces. For example, in a closed basin, wind 'setup' is a well-known effect. When the wind blows along the longer axis of a long and narrow basin, such as Lake Erie or Lake Ontario, the level at the downwind end of the basin rises appreciably. In typical cases in Lake Erie, the level rise is of the order of a meter, a sufficient amount to affect the output of the hydroelectric power plant on the Niagara River.

In a basin of variable depth, 'setup' balances the wind only at the locus of the cross-sectional average depth. Shoreward from this locus, in shallower water, wind stress dominates and accelerates the coastal water mass downwind. In water much shallower than the average depth, the pressure gradient force associated with setup is negligible compared to the wind force, and the previous remarks on flow without longshore gradient apply. In deep water, the pressure gradient dominates and causes return flow.

In a cross-shore transect, given a pressure gradient that opposes the wind stress, interior velocities of the developing quasi-geostrophic flow are similar to those shown in Figure 2. However, the cross-shore motion below the Ekman layer, which compensates for the Ekman drift, is now partly geostrophic flow associated with the longshore pressure gradient. Where the depth is equal to the section average depth, geostrophic cross-shore flow exactly compensates for Ekman drift. In much shallower water, the compensation (in the transient case) is mostly through adjustment drift. Longshore acceleration is only produced by the adjustment drift component.

The above theoretical framework of quasigeostrophic current generation has been amply confirmed by observations carried out in Lake Ontario during the International Field Year on the Great Lakes (IFYGL, carried out 1972-1973). At 5-10 km from shore, transient currents were found to have peak transports of a magnitude close to that expected from the wind stress impulse. The corresponding coastal-lake-level rise was documented. Although the cross-shore adjustment drift was not evident in current meter records (which were dominated by stronger signals), they could be inferred from the displacement of constant property surfaces.

Quasigeostrophic longshore currents were also found to be responsible for a rather dramatic difference in current climatology in the Great Lakes between the coastal zone (of order 10-km width) and further offshore. Nearshore, water motions are mostly straight-line and shore parallel, further away they are dominated by inertial oscillations as already illustrated in Figure 1. Lagrangian tracer studies in the coast-

\* In the Northern Hemisphere. All other specific examples in this article refer to the Northern Hemisphere, and the effects of the Coriolis force are discussed as they apply to those cases. In the Southern Hemisphere, of course, the Coriolis force acts in the opposite direction.

al zone show long plumes hugging the coast in one direction or another (Figure 4). Tracer released more than 10-km offshore moves in a much more erratic manner, i.e., in essentially all directions of the wind rose.

Lagrangian tracer studies also show the more or less complete disappearance of a tracer plume on the reversal of the coastal current caused by an opposing wind impulse. The adjustment drift is thus seen to perform the very important practical task of renewing the coastal water mass. For a strong enough wind impulse, the renewal is more or less complete.

Similar quasigeostrophic transient currents have also been well documented over continental shelves of the Pacific type. The continental shelf off Oregon has been the subject of intensive observational studies now for almost two decades. Much of this work has been oriented toward the understanding of the seasonal upwelling cycle and its biological implications, but a considerable amount of evidence was also accumulated on the dynamics of wind-driven transient currents. Longshore wind impulses were found to be associated with longshore current fluctuations that were distributed more or less evenly over the water column (below the surface layer). The coastal sea level rose and fell in step with such fluctuations. The presence of an adjustment drift could be inferred from the movement of the constant property surfaces.

### Upwelling, Downwelling, and Coastal Jets

The distribution of water properties, salinity, temperature, nitrate and phosphate concentration, etc., is particularly sensitive to the circulation in a cross-shore transect because the streamlines of such circulation often cross sharp gradients. The gradients arise on account of the stratification of the water column that characterizes the coastal ocean in the summer season. A warm (and fresh, over continental shelves) layer of some 20-30 m overlies colder and denser water, and the region separating the two layers (the seasonal pycnocline) is relatively thin, so that it may often be thought of as an interface between two fluids of slightly different density.

In a stratified water column in static equilibrium, surfaces of constant temperature and salinity are horizontal. Cross-shore particle displacements associated with transient winds distort these surfaces in a characteristic way, depending on whether the cross-shore circulation is 'upwelling' or 'downwelling.' These terms refer to the upward motion of bottom water or the downward motion of surface water, respectively.

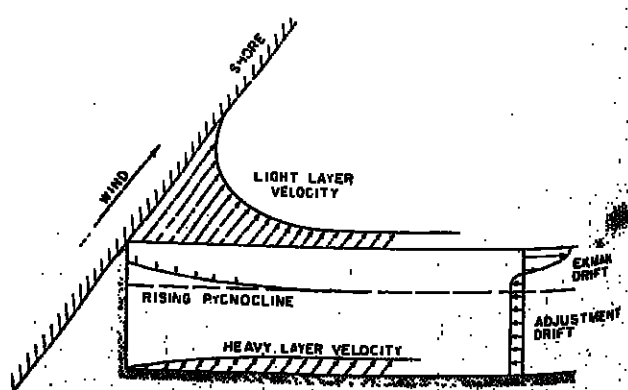


Fig. 5. Characteristics of rising coastal jet. Motion of pycnocline is only significant in a narrow coastal band (typically 5-10 km wide).

Upwelling may cause those surfaces of constant temperature and salinity, which in static equilibrium form a pycnocline or relatively sharp density interface, to intersect the free surface. Conversely, downwelling may lead to the same surfaces intersecting the bottom at a depth several times their equilibrium depth.

As surfaces of constant density depart from their horizontal equilibrium position, horizontal pressure gradients arise in the fluid and affect the adjustment process to geostrophic balance and any resulting steady state of motion. A simple and realistic theoretical model consists of two layers of constant density separated by a frictionless interface. Charney's [1955] analysis dealt with this model and resulted in a quasi-geostrophic solution for an infinite straight coast, constant depth, and suddenly imposed longshore wind on the assumption that the vertical excursion of the pycnocline is small ('linearized' theory). The principal difference between this and the homogeneous fluid case is that within a nearshore band only the top layer fluid responds to the wind by longshore acceleration, the bottom layer remaining quiescent. Consequently, higher longshore velocities arise in the top layer. At the same time the interface begins to rise or sink (depending on the direction of the wind) in such a way as to compensate for the surface level rise and to hold bottom pressure (nearly) constant. The strong surface layer current is then in geostrophic equilibrium with the horizontal pressure gradient associated with the inclination of the density interface and is legitimately called a coastal jet (in analogy with the atmospheric jet stream, which has a similar dynamical structure). The characteristics of a rising coastal jet are illustrated here in Figure 5.

As the coastal jet develops, the interface rises or sinks in a nearshore band of a width comparable to the 'internal radius of deformation,' which in typical coastal oceanic cases is 5-10 km. Far outside this band, the bottom layer moves bodily shoreward or seaward, while the top layer has to accommodate the Ekman drift in the opposite direction. Consideration of interior velocities then reveals a pattern exactly as if there were no density gradients, which was illustrated for a sloping beach model in Figure 2. Very close to the coast, however, there is little motion in the bottom layer. In the top layer, in the usual case when top-layer depth is about equal to Ekman-

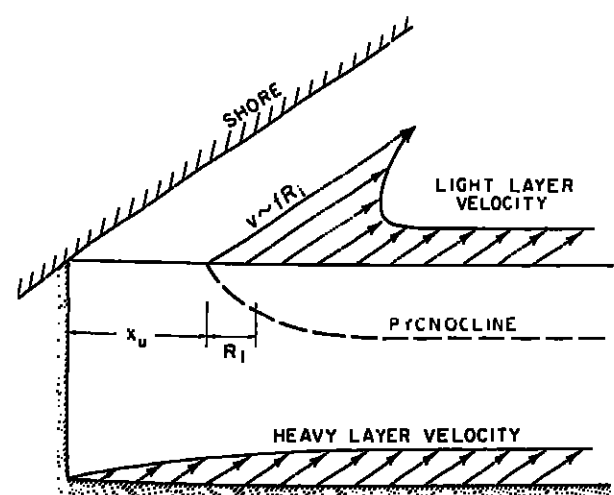


Fig. 6. Fully upwelled pycnocline following a strong enough wind impulse. Light fluid has moved bodily offshore, and the boundary between light and heavy fluid forms a surface from some distance from the coast. The coastal jet moves out from the coast with the pycnocline.

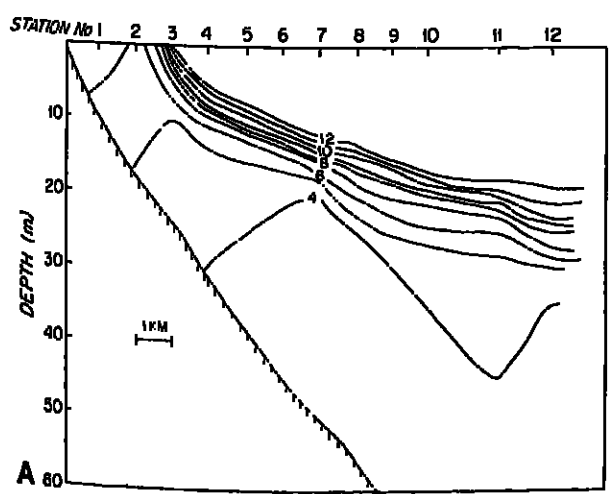


Fig. 7. (a) Distribution of isotherms (°C) in cross section of coastal region of Lake Ontario, observed during IFYGL, following strong wind impulse. Surface front is seen about 3 km from shore. (b) Distribution of isotherms (°C) observed on the same occasion. Core of the coastal jet lies between 4 and 7 km from shore. (From Csanady [1977].)

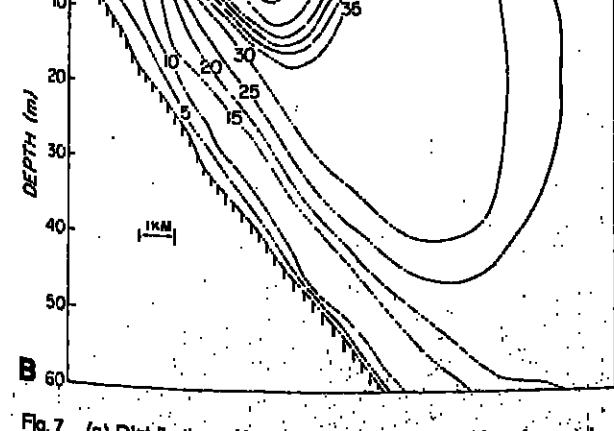


Fig. 8. Distribution of longshore velocity (cm s⁻¹, left) and temperature (°C, right) at two cross sections of the coastal region of Lake Ontario, also from IFYGL. The difference between this case and the previously illustrated one is that the velocities are here directed so as to have the coast to the right (i.e., point out of the picture), whereas in Figure 7 they point the other way, into the picture. Geostrophic balance of the coastal jet requires upwelling in the previous case, downwelling in this case. (Adapted from Csanady and Scott [1974].)

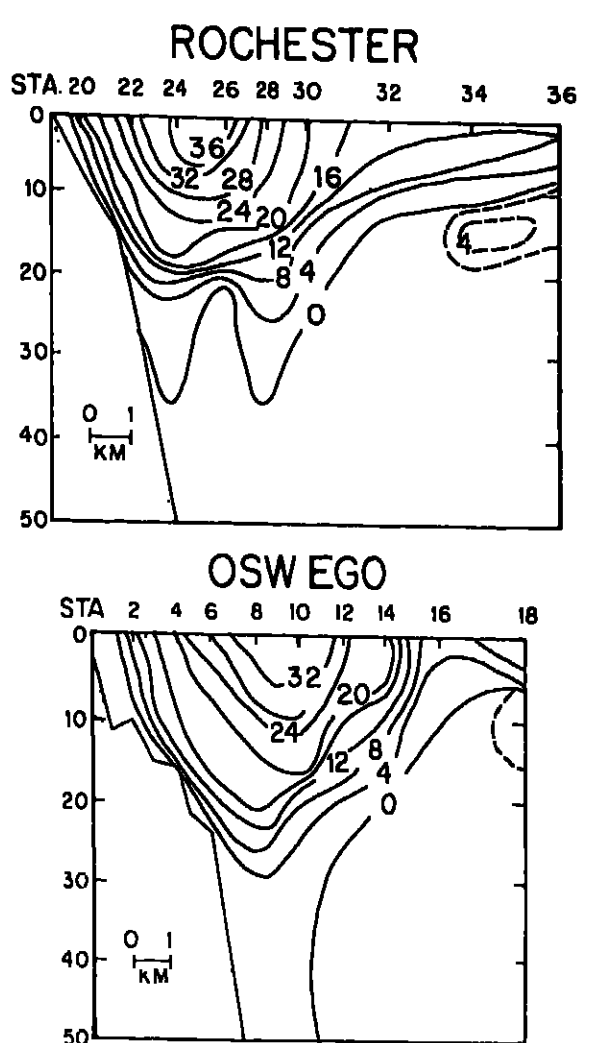


Fig. 9. Distribution of longshore velocity (cm s⁻¹, left) and temperature (°C, right) at two cross sections of the coastal region of Lake Ontario, also from IFYGL. The difference between this case and the previously illustrated one is that the velocities are here directed so as to have the coast to the right (i.e., point out of the picture), whereas in Figure 7 they point the other way, into the picture. Geostrophic balance of the coastal jet requires upwelling in the previous case, downwelling in this case. (Adapted from Csanady and Scott [1974].)

layer depth, cross-shore motions are negligible, and the force of the wind is evenly distributed over the top layer and causes uniform longshore acceleration. Where the top-layer depth is considerably greater than the Ekman-layer depth, adjustment drift occurs below the Ekman layer, but in the top layer only.

The most impressive results of upwelling and downwelling are the surfacing of isopycnals some distance from shore, or their sinking to a depth several times their equilibrium depth. The simple classical model, which postulates small vertical pycnocline excursions, does not apply to such cases. A strong longshore wind impulse is usually the cause of 'full' upwelling or downwelling events, with the large pycnocline displacements developing quite rapidly, often within hours or at most a day. It is reasonable to idealize these events by supposing that the wind impulse is evenly distributed over the top layer by vigorous turbulence. One may ask then how the two-layer fluid adjusts to geostrophic equilibrium following such an impulse, with interface and bottom friction neglected and the density of each layer separately conserved.

The extension of the classical theory on the basis of this idealization is relatively straightforward; it makes use of the principle of potential vorticity conservation (Csanady, 1977). Quantitatively, the principal new result is that the velocity of the coastal jet is limited to a value about equal to the 'density metric velocity' in the same way as maximum velocities are in certain 'critical flow' problems in hydraulics. The longshore momentum balance is completed by the Coriolis force associated with the bodily displacement (adjustment drift) of the entire top layer from shore to a distance of the order of a few kilometers (Figure 6).

It should be pointed out here that an offshore wind also causes upwelling and, if strong enough, may bring the interface to the surface. However, the flow pattern so generated is not in equilibrium without the wind acting, and the interface relaxes to a horizontal position on the cessation of the wind. Thus, in theory, the upwelling caused by a longshore wind is long-lived, an upwelling that is due to an offshore wind ephemeral. In practice, of course, dissipative processes cause the inclined interface that is in geostrophic equilibrium with a coastal jet to relax toward static equilibrium, but this is usually a slow process, with a typical time scale of 5 days or so.

Intense upwelling events are known to occur in a number of coastal locations, notably in the Great Lakes and along the Oregon coast. Early reports described the hydrography of upwelling, while later systematic studies, in the course of large-scale cooperative experiments, provided detailed information also on longshore and cross-shore currents [Smith et al., 1971; Smith, 1974; Moores et al., 1978]. In the course of these investigations, some clearcut upwelling events have been documented. They were produced by a local along-shore wind impulse, and the observed properties of these events compared well with the above simple conceptual picture.

During the International Field Year on Lake Ontario, upwelling events in Lake Ontario could be observed with considerable spatial resolution. Figure 7 shows a well-documented event that occurred in October 1972. The wind stress impulse on this occasion was large enough to produce offshore displacement of a fully upwelled thermocline of some 3 km. The structure and intensity of the coastal jet, as well as the isotherm (= constant density surface) distribution, was very much as expected from the simple theoretical model described above.

Examples of downwelling and associated coastal jets have also been documented in the Great Lakes. An example is shown in Figure 8. This also conforms in all essential aspects to the finite displacement quasigeostrophic model.

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## News

### The Love Canal: Beyond Science?

When in 1978, the New York State Department of Health issued the report, 'Love Canal—Public Health Time Bomb,' the serious effects of chemical waste contamination in the Love Canal area became an issue of national concern. A few 'studies' since then have produced results in concert with those of initial reports that described 'conditions of acute health effects' as being linked to hazardous wastes incorporated in landfill in the Love Canal site near Niagara Falls, New York. Now that a 'blue ribbon' panel of experts from the medical sciences has reviewed the problems of Love Canal, however, a different view has emerged. The 'Report of the Governors' Panel to Review Scientific Studies and the Development of Public Policy on Problems Resulting from Hazardous Wastes,' transmitted in October of this year, identifies the following factors about the health effects at Love Canal:

- Inadequate research designs for health effects studies, particularly regarding chromosome damage and informal surveys of the Love Canal residents;
- The inevitable necessity of time required for longitudinal prospective studies and complex retrospective studies that concern long-term exposures to hazardous wastes.
- Inadequate intergovernmental coordination and cooperation in the design and implementation of health effects studies.

It is apparent that in the 2 years following release of the original New York Department of Health report, a most difficult state of affairs developed. On one hand, there is clear evidence that contamination of the subsurface, groundwater, and household basement areas of the Love Canal residents occurred (toxic chemicals, including chlorinated hydrocarbons and dioxin, among many others). On the other hand, there were no 'short-term' health problems, according to most studies. The result was a state of understandable hysteria of the residents of Love Canal because of the danger of 'long-term' health problems such as the development of cancer, birth defects, and other conditions that might be produced by chromosomal damage. The real problem is that, according to the recent finding of the governor of New York's panel, the science is not well enough developed to understand, much less to prove, a causal relationship.

The alarm raised in 1978 was, in part, a legal requirement of state law section 1368 was, in part, a legal requirement of resources for governmental response to the Love Canal situation. To obtain support for a 'national disaster,' the New York State Department of Health had to define the disaster. Unfortunately, the state of fear and anxiety that resulted led to an unfortunate test of the scientific method. The panel report states:

This Panel recognizes that there was a reason for the State Health Department's initial announcement of 'Public Health Time Bomb,' but not a good enough reason. There ought to be a better mechanism for convincing the Federal government that a certifiable disaster area exists, in order to obtain Federal funds, than to arouse such fears of imminent peril as swept through the Love Canal area in this case. A better mechanism might have been found if effective Federal/State consultations had been launched promptly when the problem was first recognized. It may be that the atmosphere of public hysteria which was created in mid-1978 contributed to the failure on the part of public health agencies to put together an appropriately orderly, deliberative and systematic investigation of the situation.

This Panel acknowledges that the Love Canal problem was something quite new, a situation not encountered before by public health agencies. In the past, instances of environmental pollution emerged as sudden, acute episodes, usually derived from a single industrial source, with readily discernible and quantifiable health hazards. Love Canal, in contrast, represented the chronic contamination of a whole community's living space, extending back over a period of decades, and most complex of all, involving not one but scores of different chemicals seeping through the earth and into households all at once. No book of rules exists for handling this kind of problem, but from now on it is obvious that rules will have to be formulated.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a study of the problem that the panel describes as 'a paradigm of administrative ineptitude.' Although the EPA qualified its findings to be used with 'prudence' because of inadequacies of the study, the findings were widely distributed, nonetheless. According to the panel report:

The public was given the strong impression that the Love Canal problem was endangering the survival of all contacts and their offspring. During the next few weeks the Biogenics report (basis of the EPA findings) was reviewed by several groups of experts in the field of cytogenetics, with expressions of doubt that the reported results were of significance. These were particularly critical of the techniques employed, the lack of controls, and the possibly antiscientific nature of the spuriously acrobatic arguments.

With so much at stake for the residents involved, to have set up experiments that lead to public conclusions of such magnitude, without prior review of the protocol by qualified uninvolved peer scientists, and without any after-the-fact, independent review of competent scientists before release of the results, was a disservice to the citizens most intimately concerned and, as well, to the public at large.

It is a pity that this matter was so badly handled. There was no good reason why the responsible authorities in EPA could not have consulted beforehand with their counterparts in the New York State DOH, and enlisted the advice and close participation of outside consultants

with international reputations in the field of cytogenetics, and then mapped out a thorough, careful and scientifically valid approach to the question of chromosomal injury.

There is now no question that a proper cytogenetics study is urgently needed. The Panel does not know whether the degree of chromosomal injury claimed in the Biogenics Laboratory study, even if confirmed, is in itself a reason for alarmed predictions concerning cancer or congenital defects—indeed, similar chromosomal abnormalities are characteristically observed in other circumstances (measles, for example) without known sequelae. However, the mere fact that the chromosomal damage is real—if it is—means that the residents of Love Canal are being biologically affected by something in their environment, and this observation—if confirmed—would greatly weaken the position, taken by some, that the only ill effects suffered by this population are psychological.

There will be, no doubt, countless studies of the Love Canal incident in the future. The U.S. Public Health Service, the National Academy of Sciences, and the New York State Department of Health will initiate studies or maintain progress in studies now underway. Perhaps science will benefit by these studies, and, possibly the forefront of environmental health research will be extended. Right now the important questions about cause and effect, risk assessment, and acceptable levels remain unanswered.—PMB

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### Radio Astronomy in Earth Studies

A high precision radio astronomy system has been adopted and used at the Goddard Space Flight Center in studies of the movement of the earth's crust. Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI) can measure the rotation of the earth, and polar motion, with a current precision of better than 10 cm. Such precise measurements may shed light on the relationship between changes in the earth's orientation and movements in the earth that are associated with large earthquakes. Such movements may occur before an earthquake, but so slowly and over so large a region as to be undetectable by conventional means. Using VLBI stations, the Crustal Dynamics Project has made measurements on the longer baselines to measure continental drift, and on the shorter ones to monitor regional activity.

The technique uses two or more antennas to observe fixed extragalactic sources, usually quasars. Applying this principle to Earth crustal studies, the quasar signal's difference in arrival times at the two stations can be used to geometrically determine the distance between the two stations with a high degree of accuracy.

The baseline, or straight-line distance, between stations at Westford, Massachusetts, and Bishop, California, has been measured with a precision of 3 cm, or better than one part in a hundred million.

Formation, with other countries, of a global station network and some of its work were reported by geophysicist Chopo Ma at the AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco, December 10. Ma reported that a number of fundamental questions in geophysics are now being investigated by using space techniques. What is the nature and magnitude of tectonic plate motion? What is the behavior within a plate, especially continental plates such as North America? What is the relationship between fluctuations in the earth's rotation and large earthquakes?

The VLBI method is now using a highly sensitive, accurately calibrated, automated system (Mark III) which is designed for making geodetic measurements with fixed or mobile radio astronomy antennas of various sizes, ranging from 4 to 64 m in diameter. The project has conducted geodetic observations with the Mark III systems at fixed radio astronomy stations in California and Massachusetts, mentioned earlier, and at Green Bank, West Virginia; Ft. Davis, Texas; Onsala,

Sweden; Bonn, W. Germany; and Chilbolton, England. The Crustal Dynamics Project group at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory is implementing the Mark III system into a mobile station for measurements of crustal movements in the western United States.

Since 1976, measurements from Massachusetts to West Virginia and California indicate overall continental stability, i.e., no more change than 2 cm/year. The baselines to Texas, first measured in April 1980, will allow more detailed examination of the eastern and western sections of North America. Many measurements have been made in California since that is an area of known regional activity.

In cooperation with the National Geodetic Survey and several international organizations, VLBI measurements were made by NASA in July, September, and October 1980, as part of the Monitoring Earth Rotation and Intercomparison of Techniques Program. These data, equal in amount to what was acquired in two previous years, are now being analyzed and are to be published next spring. They will provide unprecedented opportunities to compare the details of the earth's orientation as determined by other techniques and to check the United States-to-Europe baselines for plate motion and stability.—PMB

### New Marine Studies Center

Temple University has established a Center for Marine Studies with faculty members from four of its colleges. The center will offer courses leading to a certificate in marine studies.

Studies will focus on urbanization's impact on the marine environment and will focus on management and economics of waterfront utilization. In addition, faculty members will be constructing an artificial reef off Absecon Inlet to determine if increasing protective environments will permit increased sport fishing.

Course offerings will range from oceanography and marine biology to scuba diving and underwater research and data collection.

For additional information about the center, contact Robert Leahy, Director, Center for Marine Studies, Temple University, 209 Beury Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19122 (call 215-787-8720). ☐

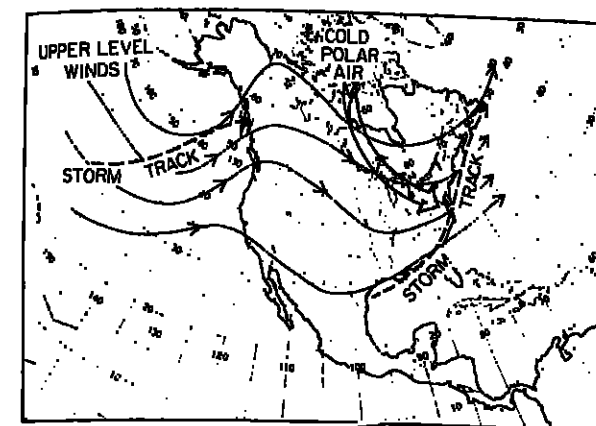
### Weather Predictions on Target

The western third of the United States will be warmer and drier than normal this winter, according to Jerome Namias, a meteorologist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography's Climate Research Group. However, the East coast will be colder and wetter than normal, he predicted. These predictions, made early in December, have proven correct through the beginning of January.

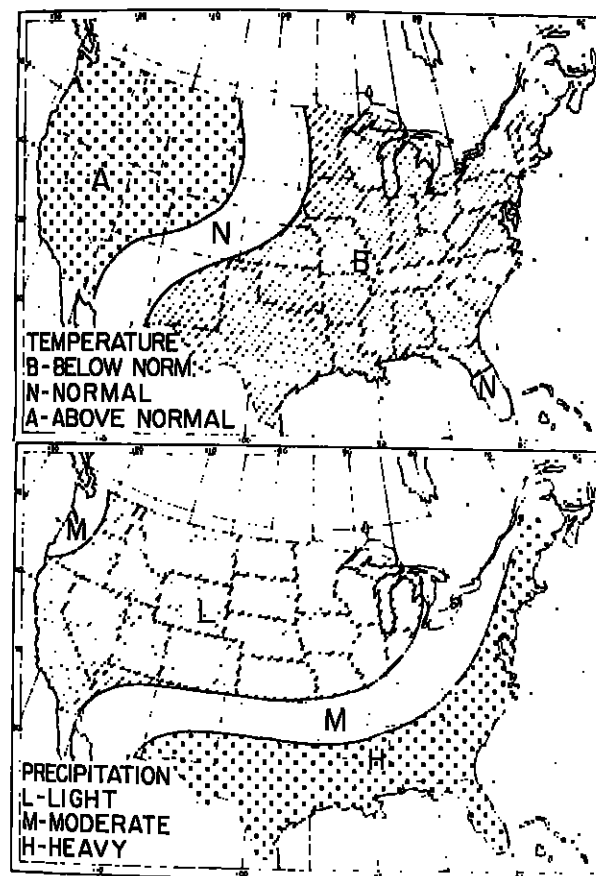
Indications point to colder than normal temperatures over the eastern half of the nation and also over the Southwest from New Mexico through Oklahoma and Texas, and warmer than normal temperatures over the western third of the nation," said Namias, a principal investigator for Scripps' North Pacific Experiment (Norpac). Florida will probably experience near-normal temperatures.

A major change from last winter's weather, the predicted pattern is the result of a trough in the prevailing winds between 3,000 and 12,200 m. Last winter's weather was mild from the Great Plains eastward to New England, dry and relatively snowless over much of the East, but abnormally wet over the Southwest, particularly in California.

This winter, the prevailing-wind trough is expected to extend from New England southwestward to Texas, where a strong ridge is expected over the Canadian Rockies and



Predicted for winter (December 1980, January and February 1981). Source: Scripps Institution of Oceanography.



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along the West coast. This wind pattern would encourage movement of cold polar air masses into the East but would shield the West, Namias explained. This pattern also favors more frequent storms along the Gulf Coast and the Atlantic seaboard.

In the East, some of the snows, once generated, would influence the atmosphere that would further refrigerate the air, he said. "By increasing the temperature contrast between the continent and the Gulf Stream, development of East coast storms would be enhanced," Namias adds.

The Dakotas, Nebraska, and parts of Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona, which lie in a region between the above and near-normal temperature zones, will experience large weekly temperature fluctuations that will average out to near-normal temperatures for the season.

Namias' weather-prediction techniques utilized, in part, data on ocean-water temperatures as indicators for changes in climate over the continents. ☐

### Federal Coal Directory

A new catalog that provides the addresses and the telephone numbers of more than 400 national and local coal-related offices of the U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Surface Mining, and the Bureau of Land Management is available from the USGS.

The 41-page publication, a cooperative effort of the three Department of the Interior agencies, contains a statement of each of the bureaus' functions and activities and a listing by state of selected headquarters offices and field offices.

Single copies of the new publication, 'Catalog of Selected Offices of the Office of Surface Mining, Bureau of Land Management, and the Geological Survey Relating to Coal, 1981' (USGS Circular 840), may be obtained free of charge from the USGS Branch of Distribution, 804 South Pickett Street, Arlington, Virginia 22304. ☐

### Atmospheric Sciences Assistantships

Research assistantships for graduate students in the atmospheric sciences are available from the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). Research topics should cover atmospheric dynamics, climatology, cloud physics, atmospheric chemistry and radiation, upper atmosphere physics, solar and space physics, oceanography, or environmental and societal impact assessment.

Appointments are half-time and offer salaries of \$8085 for students who have passed comprehensive examinations and \$7620 for those who have not. Maximum tenure for Ph.D. candidates is usually two years, but M.S. candidates are usually restricted to 1 year. In unusual cases, an additional year may be possible.

Additional information may be obtained from Betty Wilson, Administrator, Advanced Study Program, NCAR, P.O. Box 3000, Boulder, Colorado 80307. ☐

### Geophysicists

Neil H. Berg is now in charge of snowpack research for the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in Berkeley, California. In his new position, he will direct a team of scientists to study forest management in the snow zones of the Sierra Nevada and Coast Ranges in California.



Paulikas

George A. Paulikas has earned a Trustee's Distinguished Achievement Award for 'outstanding international leadership in magnetosphere physics and its applications to military space systems' at The Aerospace Corporation. The award consists of a bronze plaque and \$10,000 cash.

Paulikas, associate editor of the *Journal of Geophysical Research*, 1972-1974, has been director of Aerospace's Space Sciences Laboratory since 1988.



Spilhaus

Herbert W. Sloughton joined the geodetic survey squadron of the Defense Mapping Agency at the F. E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming.

Robert L. Wesson has been officially appointed assistant director for research at the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Virginia. He succeeds James R. Balsley, who retired a year ago. Wesson has contributed to earthquake research aimed at prediction and mitigation of quake hazards.

### Geophysical Events

This item comprises a selected portion of *SEAN Bulletin*, 5 (11), November 30, 1980, a publication of the Smithsonian Institution.

### Volcanic Activity

Mount St. Helens Volcano, Cascade Range, southern Washington, U.S.A. (46.20°N, 122.18°W). All times are local (GMT - 8 h). After the explosions of October 16-18 and the brief period of lava dome growth that followed, activity at Mount St. Helens was limited to vapor emission and occasional seismic activity through early December.

Most early November seismic events were caused by rock slides from the crater walls. No significant local earthquakes or harmonic tremor were recorded until mid-November, when brief episodes of harmonic tremor began, barely within the detection limits of sensitive seismographs on and near the volcano. Intermittent low-level tremor continued through early December. Stronger tremor started on November 26 at 2054, gradually fading into background noise about 35 min later. Observers in a U.S. Forest Service aircraft reported a slightly brighter glow in the dome area after this event. A second burst of stronger tremor began November 27 at 2034, continuing for about an hour, and several more such episodes, lasting only a few minutes each, were detected through November 30.

U.S. Geological Survey monitoring of the north crater rampart revealed a maximum net outward movement of about 23 cm between the October explosions and November 26. However, a major reversal to inward movement occurred in late October before an outward trend resumed in November. Outward growth accelerated in mid-November to slightly more than 1.5 cm/day at times, a rate similar to that recorded during the summer. About 20 cm of expansion was measured between November 12 and 26.

No major changes have taken place in the volume or ratio of gases emitted by the mountain. Two large fumaroles opened in the crater floor, very close to the margin of the lava dome, one on November 18 or 19, the other on November 25. As they opened, both ejected mud (containing no fresh magma) that coated snow on the flank. As of early December, the new fumaroles were 2-3 m across, glowed cherry red, and puffed noisily at half-second intervals.

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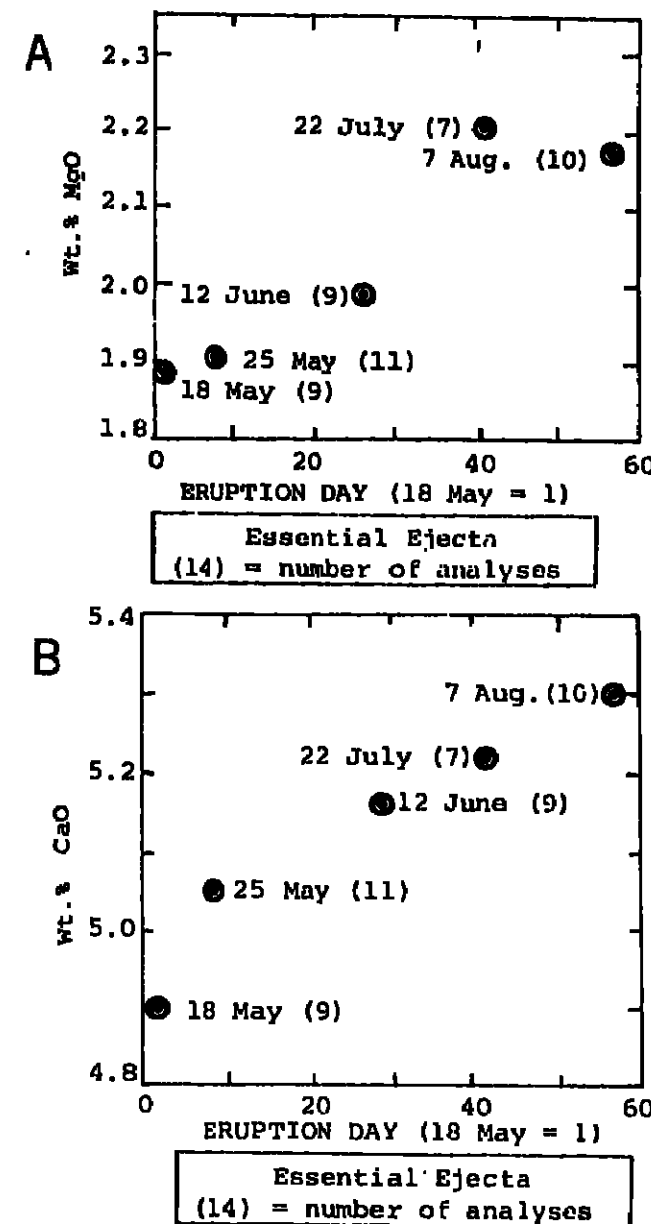


Fig. 1. (a) Average MgO and (b) CaO concentration in eruptive rocks from each eruptive episode at Mount St. Helens, May 18 to August 7, plotted against time of each episode (May 18 = 1). Analyses are of fused powders by the electron microprobe. Numbers in parentheses are the number of samples analyzed and included for average value.

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TABLE 1. Averages for Each Eruptive Episode of Mount St. Helens, May 18 to August 7

Number	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	FeO*	MgO	CaO	K <sub>2</sub> O	Na <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	MnO	Sum
1	84.13	17.81	4.04	1.88	4.90	1.26	4.83	0.58	0.15	0.00	99.16
2	84.19	17.82	3.99	1.91	5.08	1.28	4.83	0.60	0.15	0.00	99.94
3	83.72	18.04	4.24	1.99	5.18	1.25	4.70	0.64	0.15	0.00	99.89
4	83.49	17.87	4.44	2.20	5.22	1.26	4.97	0.57	0.15	0.00	100.17
5	83.28	17.81	4.39	2.17	5.30	1.23	4.89	0.64	0.16	0.00	99.57

\*Electron microprobe analyses of fused powders by W. Melson, T. O'Hearn, and J. Nelson, Smithsonian Institution. Samples collected by D. Swanson, C. Hopson, W. Melson, R. Fluke, and C. Kiehle.  
1, May 18 average nine analyses; 2, May 25 average 11 analyses; 3, June 12 average nine analyses; 4, July 22 average nine analyses; 5, August 7 average 10 analyses.  
\*Total iron calculated as FeO.



occurred between 0536 and 0541 on November 9. In contrast to the pattern observed before eruptions in 1973, 1974, 1975, and 1976, virtually no additional seismic activity was recorded until a group of seven low-frequency volcanic earthquakes occurred at about 2300 on November 10. After an explosion event appeared on seismic records at 0243 on November 11, 10 more low-frequency volcanic earthquakes were recorded between 0300 and 0400. Continuous harmonic tremor, of fairly low amplitude, began at 0608, but amplitude intensified around 0900.

Reeve Aulian Airways pilot Everett Skinner saw rocks up to 1 m in diameter rising 10 to 30 m at 1315 on November 11. An observer in Cold Bay, 60 km to the west, noted an increase in activity about 1600. Skinner returned to the vicinity of Pavlov between 1630 and 1700, reporting lava fountaining from the summit, a black cloud hugging the volcano's upper north flank, and an eruption column reaching an estimated 6 km altitude. Between 1800 and 2000, various witnesses reported lava fountaining to a maximum height of 300 m and incandescent material moving down the north flank. A satellite image returned at 1958 shows a nearly circular plume, 15 km in diameter, north of the volcano. Activity was visible through the night from Cold Bay (see above) and the Sand Point area (50-65 km to the east northeast).

The next morning, at 0946, a satellite image revealed a plume 160 km long and almost as wide spreading north of Pavlov. Spectral analysis and weather balloon data indicate that the plume reached 8-9 km above sea level. Pilot reports on November 12 placed the top of the eruption cloud at 9 km at 1000, 6 km at 1100, and 11 km at 1400. The eruption clouds were described as varying from ash-rich to ash-poor. A helicopter crew from KENI television, Anchorage, videotaped pulses and bursts of lava fountaining, rising 150-300 m between 1600 and 1700. The fountains emerged from a preexisting vent high on the northeast flank, the only vent confirmed active during the eruption.

\*Very high amplitude harmonic tremor accompanied the eruption, reaching its strongest levels between 2000 on November 11 and 0700 on November 12. Tremor ceased at 1835 on November 12, at which time many B-type earthquakes began to be recorded.

By the morning of November 13, the eruption had ended. Several hundred B-type events per day were recorded November 14-15. Renewed high-amplitude tremor began November 15 at 1306, lasting until 1711. B-type earthquakes continued November 16-19, but fewer than 100/day were recorded.

Information contacts: S. McNutt and J. Davies, Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, Palisades, NY 10964. Alison Tili, U.S. Geological Survey, 1209 Orca St., Anchorage, AK 99501.

Jürgen Klenke, Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

G. Roberis, Cold Bay Weather Station, Cold Bay, AK 99571.

Commander John Hair, Chief, Marine Environmental Branch, P.O. Box 3-5000 (MEP), Juneau, AK 99802.

**Gareloi Volcano, Aleutian Islands, Alaska (51.80°N, 178.80°W).** All times are local (GMT - 10 h). On August 10 and 11, SO<sub>2</sub> from a fresh volcanic plume was detected from a research aircraft (flown by NASA under contract from the U.S. Department of Energy) at 19.2 km altitude just south of Anchorage, Alaska.

Imagery returned August 8 at 1010 by the NOAA 6 Satellite shows a high-altitude plume appearing to originate from the vicinity of Gareloi. Using a drift rate of 30 km/hr, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory personnel calculated that the eruption which produced this plume had probably ended about 10 h earlier. Later visual and infrared images show the plume moving toward the Anchorage area, about 2000 km from Gareloi, at a rate that could have brought it to the sampling area by August 10. The eruption column seen emerging from Gareloi August 9 by a commercial pilot was also present on satellite images, but clearly was not large enough and did not reach a high enough altitude to have been the source of the material sampled August 10-11. Wind conditions also preclude the August 7 eruption clouds from Mount St. Helens as a source for SO<sub>2</sub> in the Anchorage area at this time.

Information contacts: W. A. Sedlacek, G. H. Heiken and E. J. Mroz, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM 87545.

**Kralla Caldera, Myvatn Area, Iceland (65.71°N, 16.75°W).** The following is a report from Karl Grönvold.

After the October eruption the magma reservoirs at Kralla initiated rapidly until the last week of November. Ground level monitoring indicates that at that time land height over the magma reservoirs was higher than before the October eruption. During the week or so prior to 3 December, the rate of inflation has been slower and more irregular.

From the pattern of behavior so far, an eruption can be expected to take place soon. Evacuation plans and civil defence measures have been strengthened in case of an eruption in the southern part of the fissure system, closer to the village near Lake Myvatn.

Information contact: Karl Grönvold, Nordic Volcanological Institute, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland.

**Langila Volcano, New Britain Island, Papua New Guinea (5°53'S, 148.42°E).** The following is a report from the acting senior volcanologist.

Intensified eruptive activity that began in mid-October continued until 8 November. Dark emission clouds continued to be released from crater 2, and emission clouds from crater 3 were pale grey. Ejections of incandescent lava fragments from both craters were accompanied by rumblings and explosion sounds. The lava flow from crater 3 was reported to be still active on 11 November.

A decline in the intensity of the eruption was evident on 8 November, when seismograph attenuation was reduced by 18 decibels. However, glows and ejections of incandescent lava fragments continued from both craters, and gray ash and vapor clouds continued to be emitted.

Information contact: Acting senior volcanologist, Rabaul Observatory, P.O. Box 386, Rabaul, Papua New Guinea.

**Kavachi Volcano, Solomon Islands, Southwest Pacific (9.03°S, 157.93°E).** Solar pilots flying over Kavachi Volcano on October 14 observed a similar submarine eruption to that reported by Chief Pilot Bruce Kirkwood on October 7, although there appeared to be more mud in the surrounding seas than during the earlier activity. By October 23, activity had decreased to occasional bursts of hot water at the surface.

Information contact: Dani Tunli, Geology Division, Ministry of Natural Resources, Honiara, Solomon Islands.

**Volcanic Activity in the Philippines, September-November**

**Bulusan Volcano, Luzon Island (12.77°N, 124.05°E).** Bulusan's most recent ash eruption, on September 28, was followed by a series of volcanic earthquakes which became less frequent with time. Felt events of intensity I to II on the Modified Rossi-Forel Scale have also occasionally been recorded.

**Mayon Volcano, southeast Luzon Island (13.26°N, 123.62°E).** Short-duration harmonic tremor was first noted at Mayon on August 16. Occasional tremor continued through November, and as of November 30, 214 episodes had been recorded. Similar seismicity preceded the 1978 eruption and accompanied crater glow in July 1979.

**Canlaon Volcano, Negros Island (10.41°N, 123.13°E).** Seismic activity at Canlaon has lessened considerably since it started on May 6, 1980, but remained above normal as of late November. Canlaon last erupted in mid-1978, ejecting ash intermittently.

Information contact: Olimpio Peña, Acting Commissioner, Commission on Volcanology, 5th floor, Hilzon Bldg., Quezon Blvd., Exl., Quezon City, Philippines.

**Myojinsho Submarine Volcano, Mariana Islands, Japan (31.92°N, 139.92°E).** All times are local (GMT + 9 h). The crew of the fishing boat *Suizenmaru* 11 saw discolored water over Myojinsho on November 15 at around 1530. They reported that no discoloration had been seen there that morning. Personnel from the Japan Maritime Safety Agency (JMSA) flew over the site on November 18 and observed three circular areas of pale green water, each 50-80 m across, aligned within a 300-m zone. These were also seen the following day by the crew of the fishing boat *Shinkomaru* 26 and again by JMSA personnel on November 26. No floating ejecta or upwelling of water were noted, however.

The November activity is the first since July 13, 1979, when JMSA observed discolored water. In 1952, 31 persons aboard the research vessel *Kaiyo Maru* 5 were killed by a violent phreatic eruption of Myojinsho.

Information contacts: Japan Maritime Safety Agency, 5-3 Tsukiji, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan. Seismological Division, Japan Meteorological Agency, 1-3-4 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan.

**Submarine Volcanoes, Volcano Islands, North Pacific Ocean.** The Japan Maritime Safety Agency (JMSA) continues frequent monitoring flights over several known submarine volcanoes (see table below). The most active of these Fukutoku-oka-no-ba (24.28°N, 141.52°E), formed islands in 1904 and 1914, and discolored sea water in 1950, 1952-1953, 1955-1956, 1958-1959, 1962, 1967-1968, and 1973-1980. Discoloration has also been seen occasionally over Fukujin (21.93°N, 143.47°E) each year since 1977. Minami-hiyoshi (23.50°N, 141.90°E) discolored seawater January-March 1977 and January-March 1978, but has not been active since. An adjacent vent, Nikko (23.08°N, 142.32°E) has shown no signs of activity since July 1979. (See Table 2.)

Information contacts: Same as for Myojinsho.

TABLE 2. Volcanic Activity at Three Sites in the Volcano Islands, April to October, 1980

Date of Observation	Fukutoku-oka-no-ba	Minami-hiyoshi	Fukujin
April 24	D	N	N
May 12	D	N	D
June 16	D	N	N
July 7	D	N	N
July 8	D	N	N
July 14	D	N	N
August 18	N	N	N
September 4	N	N	N
October 21	N	N	N

D, discolored water observed. N, no discolored water. Blank, no overflight.

**Sakurazima Volcano, Kyushu, Japan (31.58°N, 130.65°E).** The number of explosions recorded at Sakurazima declined from 21 in September to 4 in October, then increased to 21 in November (see Table 3). The highest October ash cloud reached 2.0 km on the first. None of the October activity caused any damage. Lapilli from the largest November tephra cloud, which rose 2.5 km on November 8, broke five car windshields. The air shock from the November 28 explosion broke two windows in a hotel at the base of the volcano. No injuries were reported.

The November 23 explosion was the 267th of 1980, making the year's total the greatest since 1974. Information contact: Seismological Division, Japan Meteorological Agency, 1-3-4 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan.

TABLE 3. Explosions From Sakurazima, October-November 1980

	Number of Explosions
October	
1	1
16	1
19	1
24	1
Total	4
November	
1	2
2	1
3	3
7	2
8	2
9	1
10	1
13	2
22	1
23	2
24	3
28	1
Total	21

**Asama Volcano, central Honshu, Japan (36.40°N, 138.53°E).** Monthly seismicity at Asama increased from 1114 recorded events in September to 1350 in October (see Figure 2), the highest monthly total since August 1977. Seismic activity decreased to 897 recorded events in November. No eruption or increase in steam emission were observed. Asama last erupted in 1973, when the number of earthquakes reached 5812 per month.

Information contacts: Same as for Sakurazima.

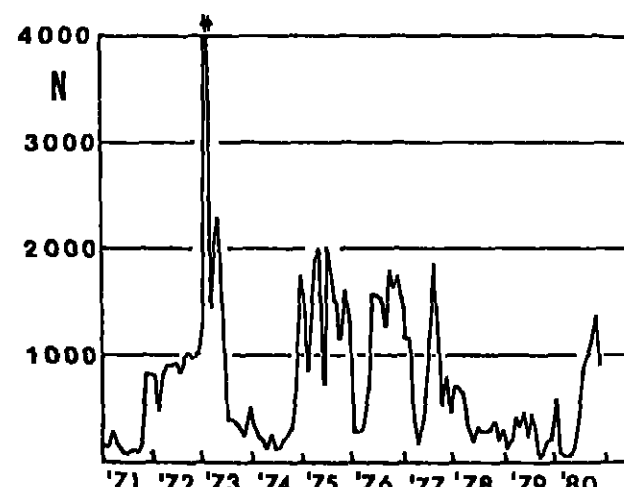


Fig. 2. Number of seismic events recorded per month at Asama. January 1971 to November 1980. The eruptions of February and March 1973 are indicated by arrows at the top of the figure.

#### Earthquakes

	Time, GMT	Magnitude	Latitude
Nov. 8	1028	7.4 M <sub>s</sub>	41.16°N
Nov. 11	1037	6.9 M <sub>s</sub>	51.43°S
Nov. 12	0658	5.2 m <sub>b</sub>	13.09°S
Nov. 23	1835	6.9 M <sub>s</sub>	40.81°N
Nov. 28	1738	4.7 m <sub>b</sub>	8.10°N

Longitude	Depth of Focus	Region
124.34°W	14 km	off the coast of north California
28.84°E	10 km	Atlantic-Indian Ridge south of Africa
74.45°W	shallow	south central Peru
16.34°E	6 km	south Italy
72.22°W	shallow	east Venezuela

The California earthquake caused a bridge collapse that injured six persons, but damage was generally light and no other injuries were reported. The Peru shock killed at least seven people, injured at least 20 others, and left thousands homeless. Casualties and damage were concentrated in the San José area, 80 km east of Ayacucho. About 25,000 km<sup>2</sup> of south Italy were devastated on November 23. As of early December, official casualty figures listed 3105 as killed, 1570 missing, and presumed dead, and 1871 injured. An estimated 200,000 were left homeless. The November 28 event injured 36 people and badly damaged 30 buildings in Cucuta, Colombia, on the Venezuelan border.

Information contacts: National Earthquake Information Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Stop 967, Denver Federal Center, Box 25046, Denver, CO 80226.

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#### Fireballs

**Atlantic Ocean, November 15, 2300 GMT.** Observer: Capt. Zweigler, F/O Graf, F/E Kogelmeier of Lufthansa Flight SH 519, (Caracas - Frankfurt). Location: 22.45°N, 48.15°W, aircraft course 031° magnetic, altitude 6.8 km.

First sighting: 78° magnetic, 30° above horizon. Last sighting: 81° magnetic, 10° above horizon. Duration: 20 s.

Apparent brightness: like full moon. Color: white at the beginning, yellow at the end. Size: about half of the full moon.

The object initially possessed a smoky tail about 4 times the length of its head. When last seen, the fireball was separating into four or five pieces. A yellow afterglow lingered for 5-7 s.

Information contact: Gerhard Pointitzky, Universitaets-Sternwarte, Tuerkenschanzstrasse 117, A-1180 Wien, Austria.

**Atlantic Ocean, November 17, 0106 GMT.**

Observers: Capt. Helle, F/O Behrendt, F/E Schmidt of Lufthansa Flight LH 421, (Boston - Frankfurt). Location: 42.53°N, 57.20°W, aircraft course 065° true, altitude 9.4 km.

First sighting: 065° true, 40° above horizon. Last sighting: 045° true, 5°-10° above horizon.

Duration: 3 s.

Apparent brightness: like full moon.

Color: blue-green, then yellow-red.

Size: 1/4 of full moon.

Information contact: same as above.

**Austria, August 11, 2159 GMT.**

Observer: K. Franger.

Location: Gloggnitz, Austria (47.68°N, 15.97°E).

First sighting: right Ascension 21 h 20 min declination +68°.

Last sighting: right Ascension 18 h 45 min declination +40°.

Duration: 12 s. The fireball was first observed in the constellation Cepheus and disappeared in Lyra. It had an initial magnitude of -2, intensifying to -8 on explosion of the bolide. At this point, the shadows of nearby trees could be clearly seen. No noise was heard. An afterglow was visible for 10 s.

Information contact: same as for Atlantic Ocean.

**Czechoslovakia-Poland border, October 3, 2300-2400 GMT.** The following is a report from Zdeněk Cepelcha.

A fireball of ~10 maximum absolute magnitude was photographed by at least 2 stations of the European network. The fireball traveled a 52 km luminous trajectory in 2.8 s. No visual observations are available and the time of fireball passage is rather uncertain. The following results are based on 2 photographs of the Czech part of the network.

	Beginning	Maximum Light	Terminal
Velocity (km/s)	16.8	17.6	16.7
Height (km)	73	48	43
Latitude	48.39°N	49.81°N	49.64°N
Longitude	18.73°E	19.11°E	19.18°E
Magnitude	-4	-10	-4
Mass (kg)	9.8	1.3	0
Z R	56.0°	56.0°	56.0°

Fireball type: II.

Meteorite fall very improbable.

Radiant (1950.0)	Observed	Geocentric	Heliocentric
Alpha	345°	341°	—
Delta	4°	-2°	—
Lambda	—	—	301°
Beta	—	—	2°
Initial velocity (km/s)	16.8	15.2	38

Orbit (1950.0)			
A	4.0	A.U.	
E	0.8		
Q	0.88	A.U.	
Aphelion	7.0	A.U.	
Omega	227.0°		
Ascending node	190.45°		
Inclination	2.0°		

Meteor shower: perhaps a bright member of Capricornids. Information contact: same as Czechoslovakia-Austria.

**Czechoslovakia-Austria border, November 18, 011332 GMT.** The following is a report from Zdeněk Cepelcha.

A fireball of ~12 maximum absolute magnitude was photographed by 6 Czech stations of the European network. The fireball traveled a 53 km luminous trajectory in 0.7 seconds. A prism spectrum with dispersion of 20 nanometers (nm) in the blue region was photographed from the Ondřejov Observatory. The strongest lines belong to ionized calcium (393-397 nm), ionized magnesium (448 nm) and ionized silicon (635-637 nm) and to neutral sodium (589-590 nm). Most of the medium and faint lines belong to neutral iron, magnesium, and calcium. The following results are based on all available photographs and should be close to final values.

	Beginning	Maximum Light	Terminal
Velocity (km/s)	71.9	70.8	69.0
Height (km)	91.7	91.8	87.5
Latitude	48.821°N	48.850°N	48.855°N
Longitude	15.838°E	15.826°E	15.246°E
Magnitude	-3.8	-12.0	-4.2
Mass (kg)	0.19	0.02	none
Z R	56.8°	—	56.2°

Fireball type: III A I.

Typical cometary fireball belonging to the Leonid Meteor Shower (Parent Comet: Tempel-Tuttle). Meteorite fall impossible.

The increase in brightness during the first half-second corresponds to 17 stellar magnitudes per second (6 million times per second in light intensity), which is the biggest increase of brightness ever observed for a fireball photographed within the European network. The sudden decrease of brightness after the maximum light corresponds to 100 stellar magnitudes per second.

Radiant (1950.0)	Observed	Geocentric	Heliocentric
Alpha	153.7°	153.8°	—
Delta	22.04°	21.86°	—
Lambda	—	—	149.1°
Beta	—	—	17.7°
Initial velocity (km/s)	71.9	70.8	41.5

Orbit (1950.0)

A	13 (±3)	A.U.
E	0.92	
Q	0.9845	A.U.
Aphelion	25 (±8)	A.U.
Omega	172.7°	
Ascending node	235.483°	
Inclination	182.2°	

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**South Europe, November 11, 1736 GMT.** Many persons in Austria and Italy observed a brilliant fireball that traveled from northeast to southwest, disappearing below the southwest horizon. Table 4 summarizes a few of the observations. None of the observers reported any sounds.

TABLE 4. Observations for South Europe, November 11								
Observer	Location	First Sighting	Last Sighting	Duration	Magnitude	Color	Size	Train
—	80 km northwest of Klagenfurt, Austria (47.2°N, 13.6°E)	190° magnetic, 40° above the horizon	210° magnetic	30 s	like a pyrotechnical flare	white, becoming red	1/4 of moon	persisted 4 min
—	Venice, Italy (45.4°N, 12.3°E)	NE sky	SW horizon	—	—	white-blue	—	none
—	south Marcella, Italy (44.05°N, 10.78°E)	NE sky	SW horizon	—	-11 to -12	white-blue with green-red halo	—	persisted
P. Fappardue	Viterbo, Italy (42.4°N, 12.1°E)	NNE, 50° altitude	SW horizon	10 s	-17	orange	—	wavy train persisted 2-3 s
—	Rome, Italy (41.9°N, 12.5°E)	—	—	—	-15	red-green with white center	—	20°-30° long

\*Capt. Hanisch, F/O Piltz, F/E Heptner, F/E Hoehe of Lufthansa flight LH 805 (Tel Aviv-Frankfurt).

## New Publications

### Applied Water Resource Systems Planning

D.C. Major and R. L. Lenton, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., viii + 248 pp., 1979, \$19.95.

Reviewed by Richard N. Palmer

*Design of Water Resource Systems*, authored in 1962 by Maass, Hufschmidt, Dorfman, Thomas, Marglin, and Fair (Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts) helped to introduce a new perspective in water resource planning. This seminal text, a product of the Harvard Water Program, combined economics and systems analysis with more conventional engineering procedures to produce new methodologies for the evaluation and design of water resource projects. Until this time few practitioners or academicians, allowing for several notable exceptions such as Arthur Morgan and Abel Wolman, had taken as careful and comprehensive a view of the process of water resource development and management. Over the years this text has had a significant influence on other water resource planners and the manner in which they approach problem solving.

In a new text entitled *Applied Water Resource Systems Planning*, this influence is clearly illustrated. Together with 14 coauthors, editors David Major and Roberto Lenton present a successful application of the theory and the techniques suggested by Maass et al. in a study of river basin development in the Rio Colorado in Argentina. The study described in the book was conducted in the mid-1970's at the request of the Argentine government by a team of researchers from MIT and government officials from Argentina. The research performed three primary purposes: to adopt water resource planning techniques to Argentina, to train Argentine professionals in their use, and to apply the techniques to the Rio Colorado. The book focuses on the third of these purposes.

The twelve chapters are divided into three parts. Part 1 gives an excellent background to the problem setting, a description of the methodology used, and an overview of the remaining portions of the book. Part 2 describes four mathematical models developed to analyze the problem. Part 3 presents parameter inputs for the model, the results, the interpretations, and the perspectives. Following several of the chapters are appendices that describe in further detail topics presented in the chapters.

The problem addressed in this book was how best to plan for the future development and sequencing of a number of potential hydropower facilities, irrigation systems, and reservoir projects in the Rio Colorado and surrounding basins. The researchers approached their problem with two tools advocated by Maass et al.: mathematical programming and multiobjective economic evaluation. The methodology they developed to solve the problem was a series of mathematical models, differing in purpose and in complexity, that were used sequentially to evaluate potential system configurations. These models are described in chapters 5, 6, and 7. A mixed integer screening model was used to select potential development at 38 sites in the basin. Hydrologic input consisted of monthly streamflow data. Potential system configurations generated by the screening model were then tested in one of two simulation models. These simulation models differed in the degree to which the hydrologic system was described and the length of time steps used. The time steps ranged from 4 months to 1 hour increments. (Apparently, the more detailed of the two simulation models grew to such proportions that it became very expensive to use and was therefore used sparingly.) Finally, systems that appeared most favorable were investigated by using a

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sequencing model that optimized investment over a 40-year time horizon. Because of the massive scale of the system, some important components were ignored. For instance, each reservoir was considered as an independent entity, and no attempt was made to derive an optimal operating policy for the system as a whole.

The book is clearly organized and well written throughout. Despite the numerous authors, the writing is surprisingly uniform in style and is highly readable. Terminology and notation, except where noted, seem to be totally consistent. In short, there is never the feeling of a disjointed effort which is common among most books with multiple authors. Good references at the end of each chapter allow the reader to pursue topics of interest. The descriptions of the mathematical models developed in this study are exceptionally clear and concise. Of special value are the discussions that relate the various models and illustrate how the models are used to complement one another.

In addition to its numerous positive attributes, however, the book does contain flaws. These flaws are the most striking when the book is viewed as a potential text, as is suggested in the introduction. The introductory chapters that discuss multibody planning and mathematical modeling (chapters 2 and 3) are superficial and do not lay the necessary foundation for the techniques that are used in the following chapters. Interested readers must seek the material that is referenced to obtain a complete appreciation of these topics. Insufficient emphasis is placed on the process of model development and on model interpretation. The restricted number of approaches and techniques that are presented in the book prevents it from being a well rounded introductory textbook in water resource systems. At the other extreme, the models presented in the text can no longer be considered state of the art and are not given in sufficient detail to allow the book to be used as a basic reference or as an advanced graduate text.

Despite the above criticisms, Major and Lanton's book would make an excellent supplemental text in an introductory course in water resources planning. Viewed as a case study, the book illustrates the valuable process of transforming a complex water resource problem into a system of objectives and constraints that can be quantitatively analyzed and, eventually, improve the planning process.

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## Marine Turbulence

J. C. J. Nihoul, Elsevier, New York, xii + 378 pp., 1980, \$58.50.

Reviewed by John Woods

There has long been a conspiracy among fluid dynamicists of an engineering inclination to reserve the word "turbulence" for a very special type of nonlinear fluctuations in which three-dimensional vortex stretching drives a cascade of kinetic energy from large scale to small, often with virtually no flux divergence over some portion of the spectrum. The study of such three-dimensionally isotropic (3DI) turbulence has made a major contribution in engineering, but after 75 years of research it is clear that life is more complicated in the ocean, where mixing is normally dominated by nonlinear fluctuations that are not characterized by three-dimensional vortex stretching and are at best only two-dimensionally isotropic (2DI). Rejecting the use of the term turbulence for such important oceanic motion, one of the leading conspirators insists on using the vivid, if rather rude, term "flatulence." This arrogant nonsense has prevailed because the engineers have until recently cornered the market in textbooks and monographs on turbulence.

At last the situation is changing. The development of new tools to measure the fluctuations in the motion and scalar concentrations in the ocean has stimulated theoretical and laboratory studies designed to improve our understanding of

the phenomenon of ocean turbulence in its own right, rather than as a minor application of engineering turbulence. Monographs are beginning to emerge.

The volume under review represents a collection of 21 papers presented at the 11th International Colloquium on ocean hydrodynamics (Liège, May 1979). The Colloquium was held in association with the second IOOE-APSO Symposium on "Turbulence in the Ocean." Another book, containing commissioned review papers presented at the symposium will be published soon. The two volumes neatly complement each other. The present volume contains papers reporting results of research projects, while the latter will contain broader reviews. Both contain material covering the whole spectral range encountered in the ocean, from millimeters to megameters. Nihoul, in an introductory chapter to "Marine Turbulence," identifies the features that distinguish what we find in the ocean from what the engineer finds in his/her world. The key factor is that, in the interior of the ocean (i.e., away from the boundary layers), almost all the turbulent kinetic energy occurs as motions with large Richardson number and small Rossby number. Classical 3DI turbulence occurs only at scales ( $\sim 1$  m) much smaller than that of structure in the mean circulation, so there is a spectral gap several decades wide between the input of turbulent kinetic energy and its entry into the 3DI turbulence that can whisk it speedily to molecular dissipation. Very little energy succeeds in leaping this gap, with the result that 3DI turbulence occurs only sporadically in short-lived bursts in otherwise laminar flow. The central problem of turbulence in the interior of the ocean is to understand the processes occurring at high Richardson number below Rossby number.

How do the eddies, fronts, and fine structure relate to each other and to the Rossby and internal buoyancy waves propagating through them? Panchov summarizes the contribution of classical 2DI turbulence theory to this problem, following the approach of his well-known monograph. One of the themes to emerge from discussions at the Liège meeting was the need to take an integrated view in which all these motions, waves included, contribute to the overall budgets of the variances of momentum, vorticity, temperature, salinity, etc. It is therefore entirely consistent to find papers by Colin de Verdière on Rossby waves and Orszag and Cerasoli on internal waves. There is no contribution in this volume on the eddies (perhaps because they will be treated extensively in a monograph now being edited by Alan Robinson), but Fedorov reports on a case study designed to illuminate the complicated phenomenon of front-line structure interaction. That takes us up to page 100.

The remaining 278 pages are devoted to papers on the occurrence of 3DI turbulence in the ocean, mainly in the boundary layers. This is probably a fair balance in terms of effort in the research community, but not, I would have thought, if judged in terms of either the proportion of the spectrum covered by 3DI turbulence (about 0.001%) or in terms of practical applications, almost all of which lie at large scale.

But, brushing aside these reservations, let us see what topics are included. The first theme is the cascade of kinetic energy to molecular dissipation, with contributions from Dillon and Caldwell (abstract only), Oakley and Elliott (documenting the correlation between the wind speed and dissipation in the wind mixed layer), Osborn (measurements below the wind mixed layer), and Ozmidov (ditto). There is still some uncertainty about the interpretation of the microscale measurements on which dissipation estimates are based; there are inconsistencies with measurements of scalar variance spectra (represented here by Gregg and Gibson). The next theme is the generation of 3DI turbulence in the interior of the ocean by shear instability (field evidence from Belyaev) and double diffusive instability (fascinating theoretical expositions by Lumley, and by Placzek and Toomre, in which we see a geophysically important phenomenon simulated on a computer by a numerical model that has no need to parameterize unresolved fluid motion). Naturally, many contributors are concerned with the turbulence in boundary layers. Revault d'Alloues and Caulliez present a progress

# Marine Ecology

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report on measurements from the Bouée Laboratoire, which can be compared with Dillon and Caldwell data already mentioned. Five papers deal with the bottom boundary layer in the presence of strong tidal currents. Bowden and Ferguson measured the vertical profile of shear stress by the eddy correlation method; and for the same area, Wolf estimated very similar shear stress values from external data and Swift used an analytical model with ideally varying turbulent kinetic energy to calculate residual currents. Then come two papers on the shear effect on dispersion in tidal flow, by Nihoul, Runfola and Roisin and by Warluzel and Benque. The final contribution, by Veith, describes a new tool—the laser-Doppler velocimeter—that may make a significant contribution to ocean turbulence observations in the future.

Conference proceedings tend to be rather patchy, and this is no exception, but *Marine Turbulence* contains much useful material and is recommended not only to those in the business, but also to the general oceanographer and, yes, to those who still believe in the restricted engineering definition of turbulence.

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## Marine Geodesy, vol. 3, nos. 1-4

N. K. Saxena (Ed.), Special Issue on Interaction of Marine Geodesy and Ocean Dynamics, Crane, Russak, New York, 436 pp., 1980, \$48.00.

Reviewed by David Wells

A symposium on the "Interaction of Marine Geodesy and Ocean Dynamics" was held in Miami, Florida, October 10-13, 1978. The symposium was sponsored by AGU and six other organizations and consisted of four technical sessions, four concurrent workshops, and a final plenary workshop. These proceedings contain a summary of the workshops and 15 out of the 28 papers presented during the technical sessions.

The interactions between marine geodesy and ocean dynamics considered in these proceedings separate into the horizontal (a one-way interaction, the provision of precise positioning by marine geodesists to ocean dynamicists), and the vertical (two-way interactions in several common-interest aspects of sea surface height). The interactions are most intimate in the analysis of satellite-borne radar altimetry, which senses the instantaneous sea level, as affected by both the marine geodesists' "signal" (the marine geoid) and by the ocean dynamicists' signals (variously due to tides, currents, storm surges, wind, and atmospheric disturbances). This intimate interaction, in which for each the signal of the other is often noise, is well represented in the content of these proceedings.

The horizontal interaction is considered in two papers. Haislip reported on the status of radio navigation systems maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard. Seaber presented results from two Transit Satellite Doppler studies, on the effect of drilling rig metal decks on height determination, and on the feasibility of precisely tracking moored buoy movements. The vertical interaction is represented by three groups of papers concerned with ocean circulation, global ocean tides, and the marine geoid.

Gatto used remote sensing techniques to determine circulation patterns. Papers by Chew and by Molinari discuss currents in the Florida Straits and in the Caribbean Sea and in Gulf of Mexico, respectively, each touching (inconclusively) on the controversial interaction between steric and geostrophic leveling. Global ocean tide (GOT) models are of practical interest in the analysis, for example, of satellite altimetry data, satellite orbit perturbations, and seabed gravimetry. Zetter traced the complementary developments of GOT models and of paleogeographic (ocean bottom) tide gauges, data from which are invaluable for testing and tuning GOT models. Three approaches to GOT models were described by Schwiderski (in two papers), Parke, and Estes. In the first two cases, a theoretical model was used to interpolate between tidal data from coastal and island stations. The  $M_2$  constituent obtained by Schwiderski agreed with the  $M_2$  constituent from independent paleogeographic data to within 2 cm in amplitude and 6° in phase. Parke presented maps of some geophysically useful parameters de-

rived from modeled  $M_2$ ,  $S_2$ , and  $K_1$  constituents. Estes presented a purely theoretical GOT model (independent of island or paleogeographic data) and used it in a simulation of the effect of unmodeled systematic orbit errors on the problem of extracting ocean tide information from satellite altimetry.

Determination of the marine geoid from satellite altimetry is discussed in four papers. Marsh showed that in the short term (treating sea surface heights owing to dynamic effects as noise) altimetry is useful in reducing geoid uncertainties. Brace compared altimetric geoid heights with heights from several geopotential coefficient sets and altimetrically derived mean gravity anomalies with those from marine gravimetry. Torge presented a gravimetric geoid for the North Sea and compared it to one derived from altimetry. For the longer term, an integrated approach to extracting both geoid and dynamic signals from altimetry is needed. Parra used results from the western North Atlantic to show that gravimetric

geoids can be corrected in local areas free of permanent geostrophic features and that the study of temporal variations in quasi-steady dynamic features is the most useful contribution of altimetry to ocean dynamics.

GEOS-3 altimetry was used for all the altimetric studies reported here. McArthur described the more advanced SEASAT-1 altimetry, together with proposed future improvements. Ironically, the failure of SEASAT-1 was announced during this symposium.

An introductory paper by the conference cochairmen and session chairmen summarizes the workshops, which dealt almost exclusively with the altimetric connection between marine geodesy and ocean dynamics. This is an excellent tutorial paper on the present and potential uses of this new tool, full of ferment and excitement and occasionally contradictory. (One workshop concluded that mesoscale eddies can be studied with existing altimetry; another workshop con-

cluded that altimeter performance must first be improved considerably.)

Appearing in a refereed journal, these proceedings are certainly more accessible, and perhaps more carefully considered in content, than if they had been produced in a less formal way. The full flavor of the symposium is elusive, however, since nearly half of the papers presented are neither printed nor even listed by title in these proceedings. In particular, more could have been included on sea level variations from ocean dynamics effects other than tides. Nevertheless, the papers here represent a valuable and much needed contribution to our understanding of the interactions between marine geodesy and ocean dynamics and to the dialogue between marine geodesists and ocean dynamicists.

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## Meetings

### Recent Earthquakes Symposium

A call for papers for the symposium 'Reports of Recent Earthquakes' has been made by Ziro Suzuki, second vice president of IASPEI. The symposium will be held July 22, as a part of IASPEI's 21st General Assembly, at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario.

Abstract forms are available from Suzuki at the Geophysical Institute, Tohoku University, Sendai 980, Japan.

Requests for the forms should include author name and address, tentative paper title, and name, place, and time of the earthquake to be reported. Completed abstract forms should be mailed by March 1 to A. E. Beck, Department of Geophysics, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario N6A 5B7, Canada. A copy should be sent to Suzuki. Some deadline flexibility will be allowed, but authors should receive permission from the committee. Papers on earthquakes that occurred during the second half of 1980 can be accepted after March 1.

Time restricts the number of papers on each earthquake to two. Review papers rather than personal studies are preferred.

### European Geophysical Meeting

A call for papers has been issued for the Eighth Annual European Geophysical Society Meeting, scheduled for August 24-29 in Uppsala, Sweden. Abstracts—one original and two copies—should be sent to K. M. Storetvedt, Chairman Program Committee, Institute of Geophysics, University of Bergen, Allég. 70, N-5014 Bergen University, Norway. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is June 1.

In addition to 13 symposia, one workshop, and an excursion to a meteor-impact structure, there will be two society lectures. H. Alfvén of Stockholm will speak on plasmas in the cosmos and the laboratory, and H. Moritz of Graz will give a lecture entitled 'The Figure of the Earth'.

Applications for travel awards for young scientists are due March 31. Forms can be obtained from the EGS General Secretary, 8 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG.

More information about the meeting, which will run simultaneously with the Uppsala Caledonide Symposium, can be provided by the Local Organizing Committee, C.-E. Lund, Chairman, Box 558, S-75122, Uppsala, Sweden.

### Hydrometeorology Session

The 15th Annual Congress and Annual Meeting of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS) will be held at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on May 27-29. The focus of the Congress will be hydrometeorology; scheduled are sessions on waves and tides, drought management, the Canadian Climate Program, environmental assessment, stratospheric dynamics, remote sensing, and polluted precipitation. In addition, sessions on air-pollution meteorology, sponsored by a CMOS special interest group, will be conducted concurrently.

Authors wishing to present papers at the congress or at the special air-pollution sessions should submit abstracts of fewer than 300 words by February 1. Address all correspondence to Barry Goodison, Hydrometeorology Division, Atmospheric Environment Service, 4905 Dufferin Street, Downsview, Ontario M3H 5T4 (call 416-867-4914). Authors should indicate in which session they wish to be included.

### California Mining Association

California's minerals industry and its impact on the nation will be the focus of the 1981 California Mining Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, March 5-7.

Technical aspects of California mining and political problems which concern the industry will be emphasized. More than 200 representatives from major industrial mining firms in the state are expected to attend.

Registration is \$75 per person; spouse registration is free. For additional information contact the association at P.O. Box 3, Jackson, California 95642, or call (209) 223-1129.

### Geodetic Networks and Computations

An international symposium on geodetic networks and computations will be held in Munich, August 31 to September 5. The symposium, sponsored by the International Association of Geodesy, will take place at the Bavarian Academy of Sciences.

Topics to be covered at the symposium include objectives of geodetic networks, status reports, and future plans; optimal design of geodetic networks; network analysis models; space techniques for terrestrial networks; combination of horizontal, vertical, and gravity networks; and computational problems in classical and nonclassical adjustment models. For additional information and registration forms, write to Deutsche Geodätische Kommission, Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Marstallplatz 8, D-8000 München 22.

### Snow Chemistry: Call for Papers

A call for papers has been issued for the 38th Eastern Snow Conference, scheduled for June 4-5 in Syracuse, New York. A special session will be held on snowpack and snowfall chemistry.

Authors wishing to present a paper should submit an abstract before February 15 to Barry E. Goodison, Program Chairman, Hydrometeorology Division, Atmospheric Environment Service, 4905 Dufferin Street, Downsview, Ontario M3H 5T4, Canada (call 416-867-4914).

## IASPEI Workshop: Seismic Modeling of Laterally Varying Structures

During the past 10 years, significant progress has been made in the methods of collection and analysis of seismic reflection and refraction data. This progress has led to the development of new models for the structure and composition of the earth's crust, based on sophisticated analysis of numerous profiles in many areas of geologic importance. The third triannual meeting of the IASPEI (International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior) Commission of Controlled Source Seismology was convened in Park City, Utah, on August 11-17, 1980, to bring together seismologists and geologists to explore and assess the progress of controlled source techniques (controlled sources include explosions, air guns, and Vibroseis-type sources), and to evaluate its significance in terms of current models of the seismic velocity structure and composition of the crust and upper mantle. Particular attention was paid to the progress and problems in the modeling of two- and three-dimensional structures.

The Park City location of the conference was ideal for the contemplation of the complex structures that we are presently attempting to model. The effects on the crust of the action of tectonic forces were easily discernible from the air during the approach to the Salt Lake City airport, and on the ground during the field trip into the Wasatch Mountains led by R. B. Smith of the University of Utah.

Two and one half days of the 5-day conference were used to discuss different interpretations of the seismic refraction data collected in Saudi Arabia by the U.S. Geological Survey in 1978 [Blank et al., 1979; Lamson and Leone, 1979].

The format of this portion of the meeting was unlike most other scientific workshops. The complete refraction data set had been distributed to the participants well in advance of the meeting, giving each seismologist (or team of seismologists) time to thoughtfully analyze the same data. The use of a common data base allowed for a kind of in-depth examination of issues of interpretation that is not possible in traditional workshops which are based on diverse data sets.

A discussion of the geologic framework of Saudi Arabia and the southeastern Red Sea was particularly pertinent because all proper seismic interpretations are constrained by the known surface geology. (The geologic map of Saudi Arabia was distributed to all participants along with the seismic data set.) The discussions began with an introduction to the geologic problems of Saudi Arabia by H. R. Blank and an outline of the planning and goals of the 900-km-long refraction profile (see the figure, part A) by M. Q. Assad. This was followed by a series of speakers who explained their team's interpretation of the data and the methods that they used to derive velocity-depth structures. In the course of these presentations it became evident that the main source of differences in the final models is the phase correlation of the data. The term 'phase correlation' refers to the process of identifying, within a seismic record section, those arrivals which reflect or refract from the same feature (or portion) of the crustal or mantle velocity structure. For example, the phase  $P^*$  refracts in the middle crust, while  $P$  reflects from the  $M$  discontinuity. A knowledge of the expected amplitude and frequency of a particular phase, based on experience and theoretical considerations, facilitates its correlation in the record section, but the complexity of the typically observed wave field leads to a degree of subjectivity in the interpretation of the phases. Given identical phase correlations, different methods of travel time and amplitude analysis of these phases will produce nearly the same result. Conversely, different correlations will result in markedly divergent models. These points can be appreciated from the comparison of the models of the Arabian shield (see figure, part

B) to those of the Red Sea-continent transition (see figure, part C). For the most part, the teams of interpreters agreed on the phase correlation of the profiles between shot points 1 and 5 (see figure), and the resultant models reflect this agreement. However, the correlations and interpretations of the data crossing the Red Sea-continent transition were diverse, which ultimately led to quite different models for that region (see figure, part C).

A few highlights of the meeting on the interpretation of the Saudi Arabian refraction data are summarized below. These few impressions do not completely characterize the great amount of interpretive skill brought to bear on the data and the lively and constructive discussion that ensued.

(1) The upper crust (21 km thick) of the shield has a near-surface velocity of 6.1 km/s and, in most regions, a positive velocity gradient of 0.01-0.02 km/s/km. Low velocity zones may be present in some regions.

(2) The lower crust (19 km thick) of the shield is separated from the upper crust by a seismic discontinuity or smooth transition of 0.2-0.4 km/s. The average velocity of the lower crust is about 6.7 km/s.

(3) The  $M$  discontinuity is probably a transition zone 2-5 km thick and occurs at a nearly constant depth of about 40 km. Upmost mantle velocity is 8.0-8.1 km/s, and there is evidence for fine structure within the lithosphere.

(4) The structure of the Red Sea-continent transition remains uncertain with the currently available data. The range of proposed models is indicated in the figure, part C. Improved models would result from the recommendations below.

A general consensus was reached on recommendations for future seismic refraction and reflection work in areas with strong lateral velocity heterogeneous structure, such as the Red Sea-continent transition in western Saudi Arabia:

(1) Parallel-to-structure refraction profiles are needed in regions of complex structure. In the present case, refraction profiles are needed along the coastal plain and in the Red Sea.

(2) Perpendicular-to-structure profiles must be densely recorded and should include considerable data redundancy.

(3) Critically placed seismic reflection profiles would help resolve details in the areas of greatest structural complexity. In the present case, reflection profiles crossing the Hijaz Azir Escarpment (see figure, part A) would help in understanding the structure across this rift boundary.

The commission officers were (chairman) S. Mueller, ETH-Zurich, Switzerland, and (secretary) J. Ansgore, ETH-Zurich, Switzerland. The local organizers were D. P. Hill, Menlo Park, California; J. A. Orcutt, La Jolla, California; and R. B. Smith, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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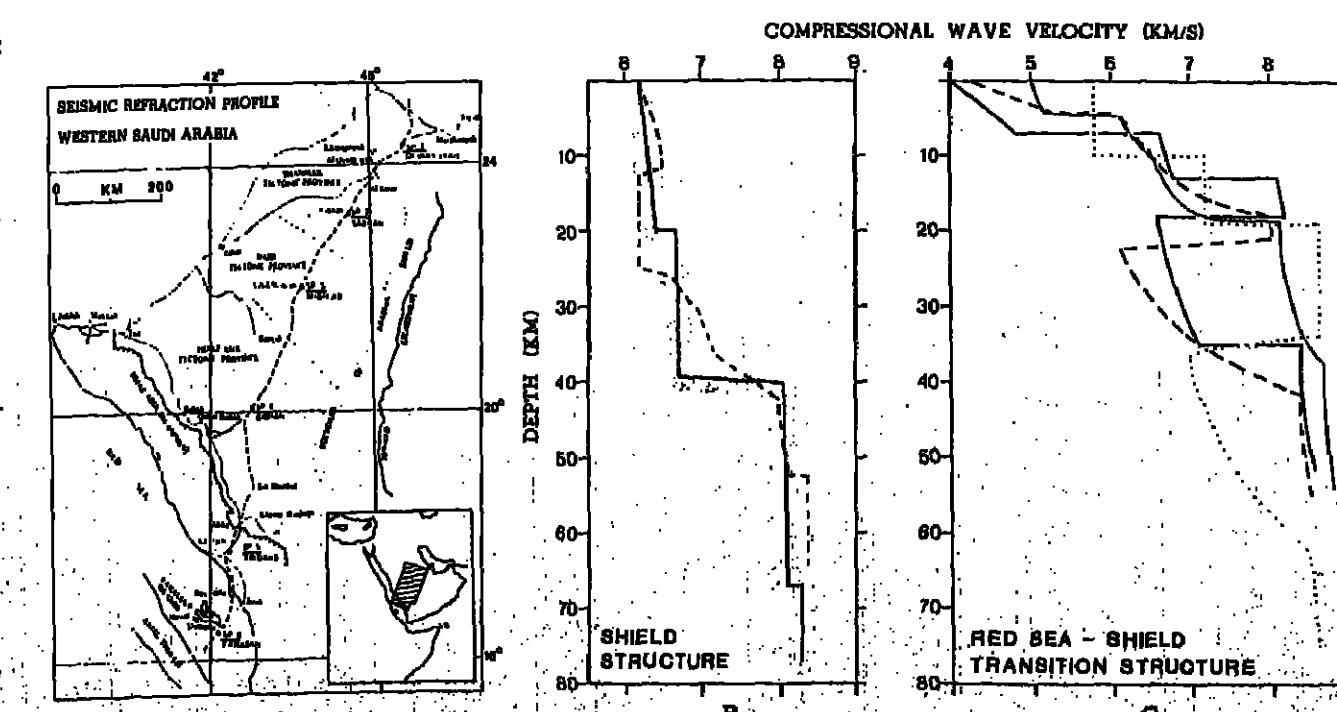
Financial support for the workshop was provided by the Office of Naval Research and the U.S. Geological Survey. We thank the Directorate General of Mineral Resources, Saudi Arabia, for permission to use the seismic refraction data for this workshop.

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This meeting report was prepared by Walter D. Mooney, USGS, Menlo Park, California.



(A) Location map; USGS-conducted seismic refraction investigation of western Saudi Arabia and the southeastern Red Sea: shot points (SP), profile line (dashed line), and tectonic provinces. (B) P-wave velocity structure of the Arabian Shield, presented by workshop participants: shaded region outlines the range of velocities of most models; solid line is a typical example; while dashed line is an alternative model. (C) Four P-wave velocity structures for the Red Sea-Shield transition: the data were sparse in this laterally inhomogeneous region, making possible these radically different interpretations.

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### Stephen J. Burges—New WRR Editor

The 'tower of Babel syndrome' is the most important problem facing water-resources researchers, says Stephen J. Burges, the new coeditor for hydrology and physical, chemical, and biological sciences for *Water Resources Research* (WRR). Burges was appointed to a 4-year term which began November 1. He succeeds R. Allan Freeze.

Specialized research that lacks a sense of connection to other aspects of hydrology characterizes the syndrome, Burges explained. He traces this scattering of interests back to 1966 with the 'evolution' of the third-generation computer.

To help add coherence to WRR's coverage of hydrology, Burges plans some changes. With the addition of four associate editors, the breadth of topics will be increased to include ecological modeling, sediments, and precipitation. In addition, Burges will ask authors to explain in a paragraph at the beginning of their papers how the research relates to other water-resources problems. Authors also will be requested to identify the status of research described in the paper, and to state clearly whose work or computer models the research uses.

Burges said that he and coeditor Jared Cohon hope to achieve a better balance of topics and to increase readership with these changes.

Under Burges, the associate editors will continue to play a major role in choosing reviewers and in maintaining the high standards of WRR; the basic management style used by Freeze has been found to be effective. In addition, Burges plans to continue to solicit appropriate review articles to add balance to WRR. Freeze initiated solicitation of these articles; Burges and Cohon plan to coordinate their selection of review topics to bring the two major divisions of WRR closer together.

Following completion of his Ph.D. in civil engineering at Stanford, Burges joined the University of Washington faculty in 1970. His undergraduate degrees (physics, mathematics, and civil engineering) were taken at the University of Newcastle, Australia. His research and teaching have focused on the application of systematic approaches to analysis and design of water-resources systems, with an emphasis on stochastic hydrology.

"At heart I'm a civil engineer," Burges said. "I also like using a systematic approach to problem solving." Surface water-



storage reservoirs dominate his interests. He said that he also is intrigued by urban water problems, including large-scale systems and flood/drought research. He views stochastic hydrology as an essential tool for the future. "We need a method to determine reliability of water systems."

Burges said he looks forward to working closely with Cohon and maintaining the high standards set by previous editors. Burges noted that they are indebted to Freeze for his outstanding editorial leadership and want to thank him publicly.



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## AGU Spring Meeting

### May 25-29

## Call for Papers

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